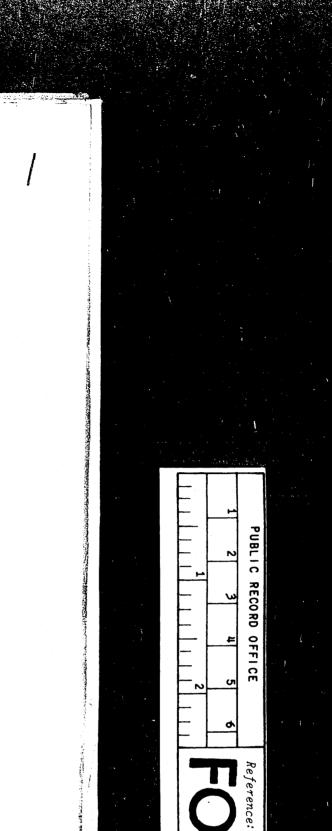
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<u>May.</u> repeated for information to B.M.E.O. Cairo, Amman, Beirut, Damascus, Jedda, Jerusalem, Washington and United Kingdom Delegation New York.

Your telegram No.663 to Cairo.

Palestine.

I saw Regent, Iraqi Prime Minister and Prime Ministers of Syria and Lebanon together at 1400 hours local time today. Iraqi Minister for Foreign Affairs and my Oriental Counsellor were also present.

2. I delivered your message and copy of truce terms as given in your telegram No. 308 to Jedda to the Regent and the three Prime Ministers. Translations of both documents in Arabic were then read by Oriental Counsellor.

3. Prime Ministers of Syria and Lebanon who had heard of your message at 0700 h. will leave Damascus early tomorrow (Monday) morning with Iraqi Minister for Foreign Affairs and meeting of Arab League Political Committee will be held there Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning. I strongly urged that the meeting should take place on Monday afternoon as there was no time to be lost. His Majesty's Minister at Damascus will be informed of decision either on Monday evening or Tuesday morning. evening or Tuesday morning.

4. Syrian Prime Minister explained that no single Arab country could take a decision and that this could only be taken by the League. Ibn Saud had however agreed to accept League decision on this matter.

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Bagdad telegram No. 506 to F.O.

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Security Council Truce Commission of whose composition they were ignorant. I appealed to them not to be sticky over this and repeated parts of your personal message.

6. They expressed considerable satisfaction at the terms of Article 6 and said that the Jews would find it hard to accept. I said that this made it all the more necessary for the Arabs to take your advice and to accept the document without quibbling.

7. At one stage the Lebanese Prime Minister suggested (I think he was only thinking [grp.undec.]) that this time the Arabs might delay their reply and leave it to the Jews to refuse to agree. I pointed out the following of any such action and the point was not pursued by any of the others.

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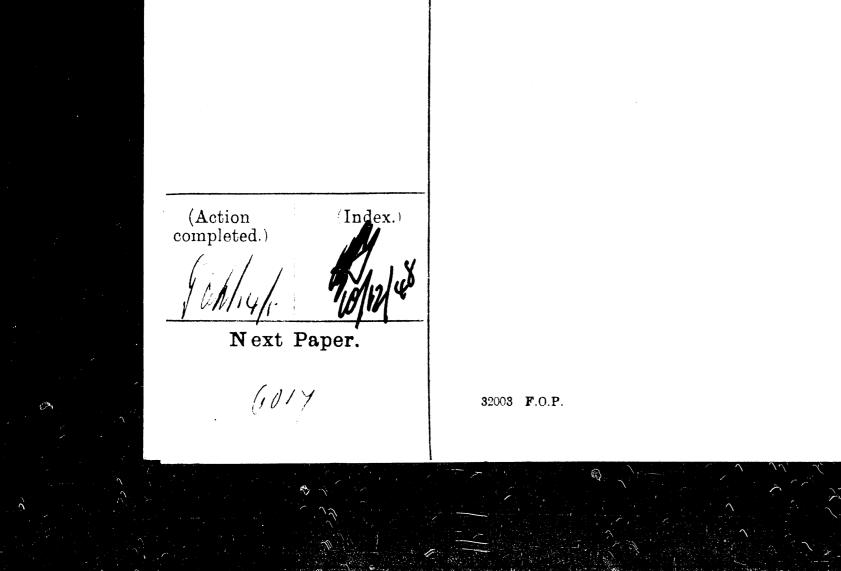
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660 5 E E_6016 10 MAY 1943 1 1948 PALESTINE Palestine Truce. Registry Number E6016/4/31 Refers Foreign Office telegram No, 349 8th May (E6014/4/31) Message delivered to President of Lebanon Minister for Foreign Affairs was also present. Gives Comments on same. **TELEGRAM FROM** Mr, Houstoun Boswall No. BEIRUT 340 PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE Dated Received 9th May 10th " in Registry Last Paper. S (Minutes.) J.B-6015 13/1 References. Referen 371 68550 (Print.) (How disposed of.) COPYRIGHT PHOTOGRAPH -REPRODUCED PHOTOGRAPH OUT PERMISSION OF THE RECORD OFFICE, LONDON 8. Journal Red may 11



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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No.340 of May 9th, repeated for information to Cairo, Bagdad, Amman, Damascus, Jedda, B.M.E.O. Washington, UKDEL New York.

Your telegram No.349. Palestine.

I have delivered your message to the President of Lebanon: Minister for Foreign Affairs was also present.

2. President said that at last meeting of the Arab League at Cairo, the Lebanese had advocated a general truce. His Government would continue to do so. He again expressed doubt about the attitude of King Abdullah. I said that a similar message was being conveyed to His Majesty as well as other Arab leaders.

3. I have just seen Damascus telegram No.261 to you. Position is the same here as regards the American Minister. The Lebanese Government had not received the latest text and so I gave it to the President as, without it, your message and advice would have carried no weight.

Foreign Office please pass Washington and UKDEL New York as my telegrams Nos. 22 and 25 respectively.



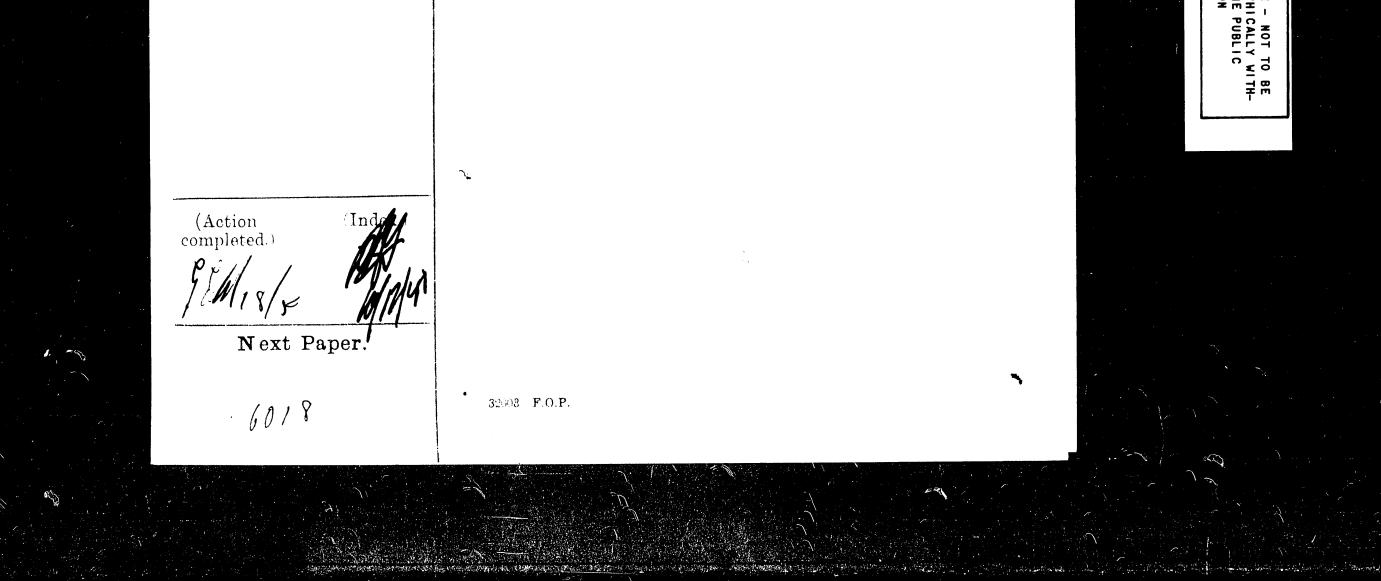
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661 E 6017 MAY 1948 PALLINE 112 Palestine Truce. Registry E6017/4/31 Number Refers Foreign Office telegram No, 663 dated may 8th (E6014/4/31) Sir, Honald Campbell saw the Prime TELEGRAM FROM Minister but as the palace doubted whether it would Sir. Ronald Campbell be possible to see the King at such short notice he conveyed to his Majesty in writing through Hassan №о. VAIRO PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE Bey Youssef text of the message. 582 Dated The Prime Minister was worried over article 8 of the Received 9th May 10th " Truce terms. in Registry Last Paper. (Minutes.) 2ps-13/1 6016 Espor= Dyst: GIMID 18/5. Ũ References. 371 68550 (Print.) (How disposed of.) COPYRIGHT PHOTOGRAPH REPRODUCED PHOTOGRAPH OUT PERMISSION OF THE RECORD OFFICE, LONDON r Palustin Det May



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for information to Amman, Jerusalem, United Kingdom Delegation New York, Washington, Bagdad, Damascus, Jedda, Beirut.

Your telegram 663: Palestine.

I saw the Prime Minister personally but as the Palace expressed doubt whether it would be possible for me to be received by King Farouk at short notice today, and in view of the urgency I conveyed to His Majesty in writing through Hassan Bey Youssef your personal message, text of provisional draft and substance of paragraph (1) of New York telegram 1403.

2. Prime Minister promised to give most careful and immediate consideration to your message which he recognised as being dictated by your sincere opinion of what was necessary for the purpose of preventing bloodshed and in the interests of the Arabs. He said that a truce was very necessary because otherwise it would be impossible to prevent the entry of Arab forces into Palestine. He would immediately get in touch with other Arab Governments.

5. Prime Minister was however worried over Article 8 of the truce terms. He characterised treatment of immigrants as a "bad point". Arab Higher Committee felt very strongly about immigration and were unlikely to trust Jews who had asked for 4,000 or more immigrants monthly not to find the means of defeating the ruling of the Security Council Truce Commission on the subject whatever it might be. He asked also how the Powers would guarantee to prevent the Jews bringing in extra immigrants, arms, etc. Would they dispose suitable power to carry out local patrolling service? He himself also clearly feared that the Truce Commission with its American member would be soft towards the Jews. Another point on which he seemed to foresee difficulty with Arab Higher Committee was land purchase which would presumably come under the term "existing laws".

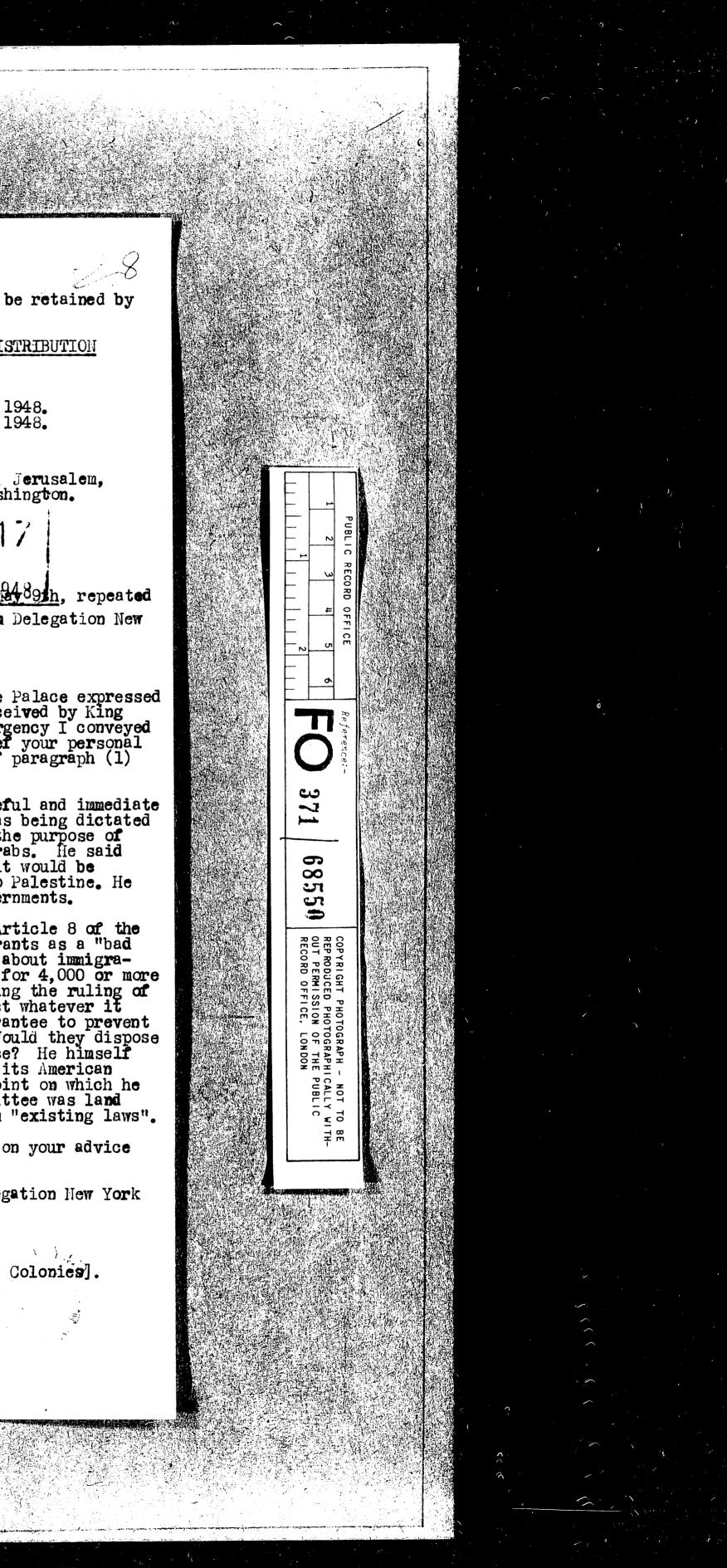
4. I argued that nevertheless he should act on your advice urgently.

Foreign Office please pass United Kingdom Delegation New York and Washington as my telegrams 21 and 29.

[Repeated to New York and Washington.

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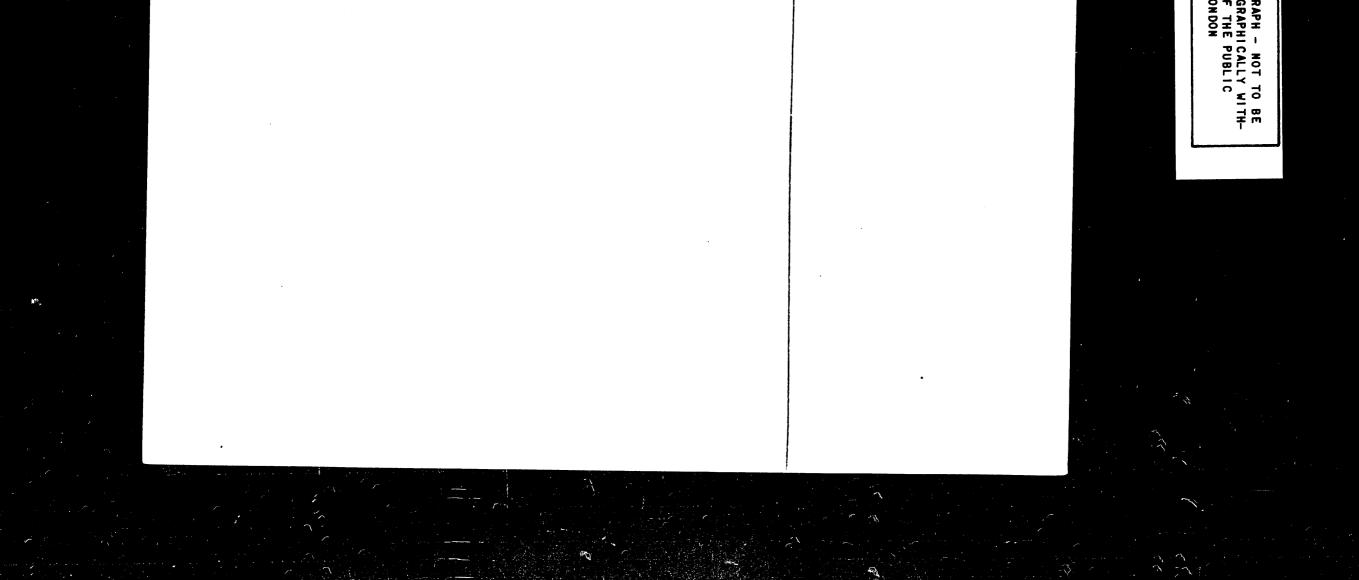
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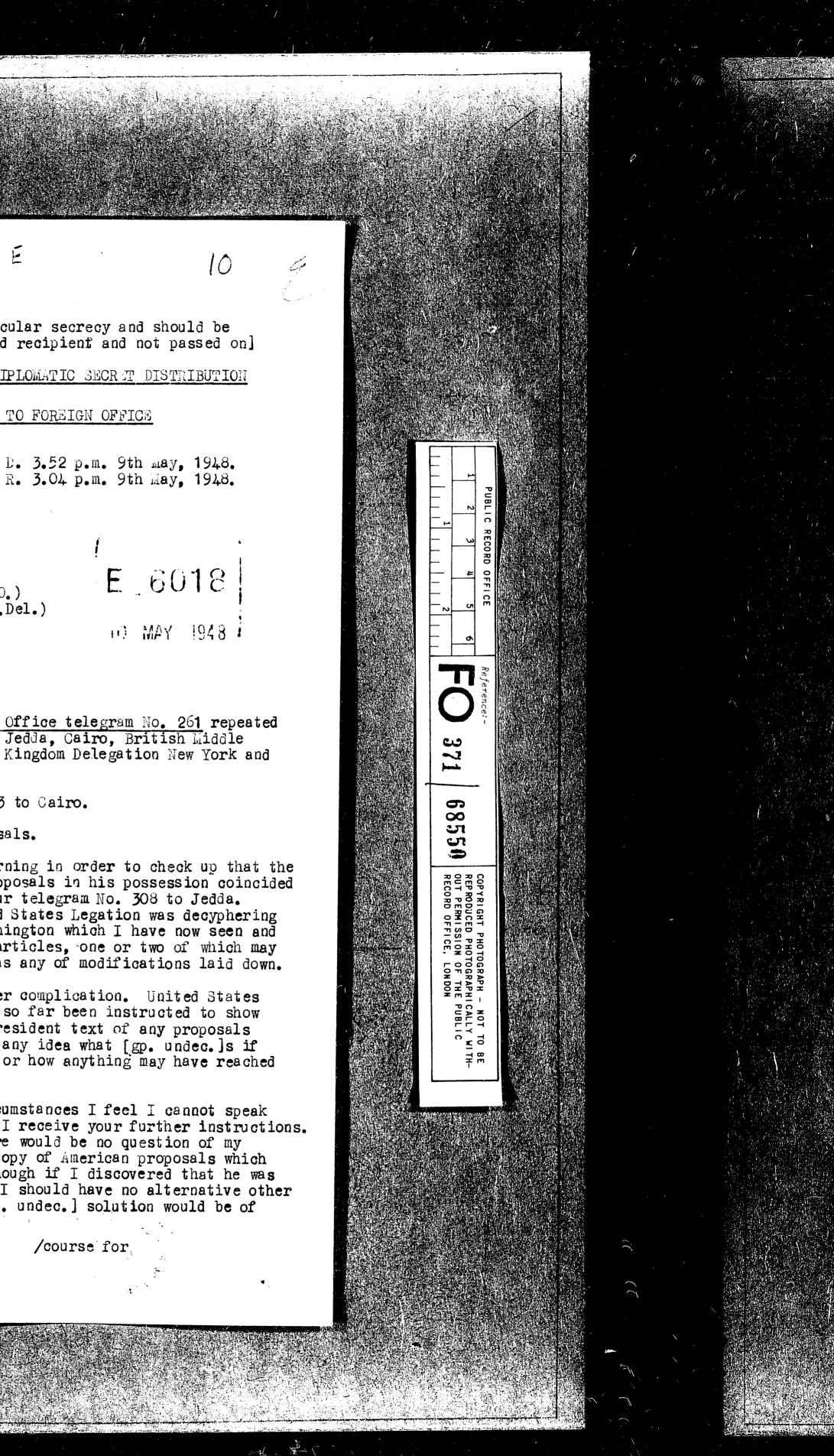
American truce proposals.

I saw Sirdar this morning in order to check up that the latest revision of the proposals in his possession coincided with that contained in your telegram No. 308 to Jedda. Just at that moment United States Legation was decyphering further telegram from Washington which I have now seen and which consists of Syrian articles, one or two of which may possibly be [gp. undec.] as any of modifications laid down.

2. There is a further complication. United States Charge d'Affaires has not so far been instructed to show to Syrian Government or President text of any proposals and neither he nor I have any idea what [gp. undec.]s if any may be in their hands or how anything may have reached them.

3. In all these circumstances I feel I cannot speak to Syrian President until I receive your further instructions. I presume in any case there would be no question of my leaving with President a copy of American proposals which you may have endorsed although if I discovered that he was not in possession of them I should have no alternative other than to discuss them. [gp. undec.] solution would be of

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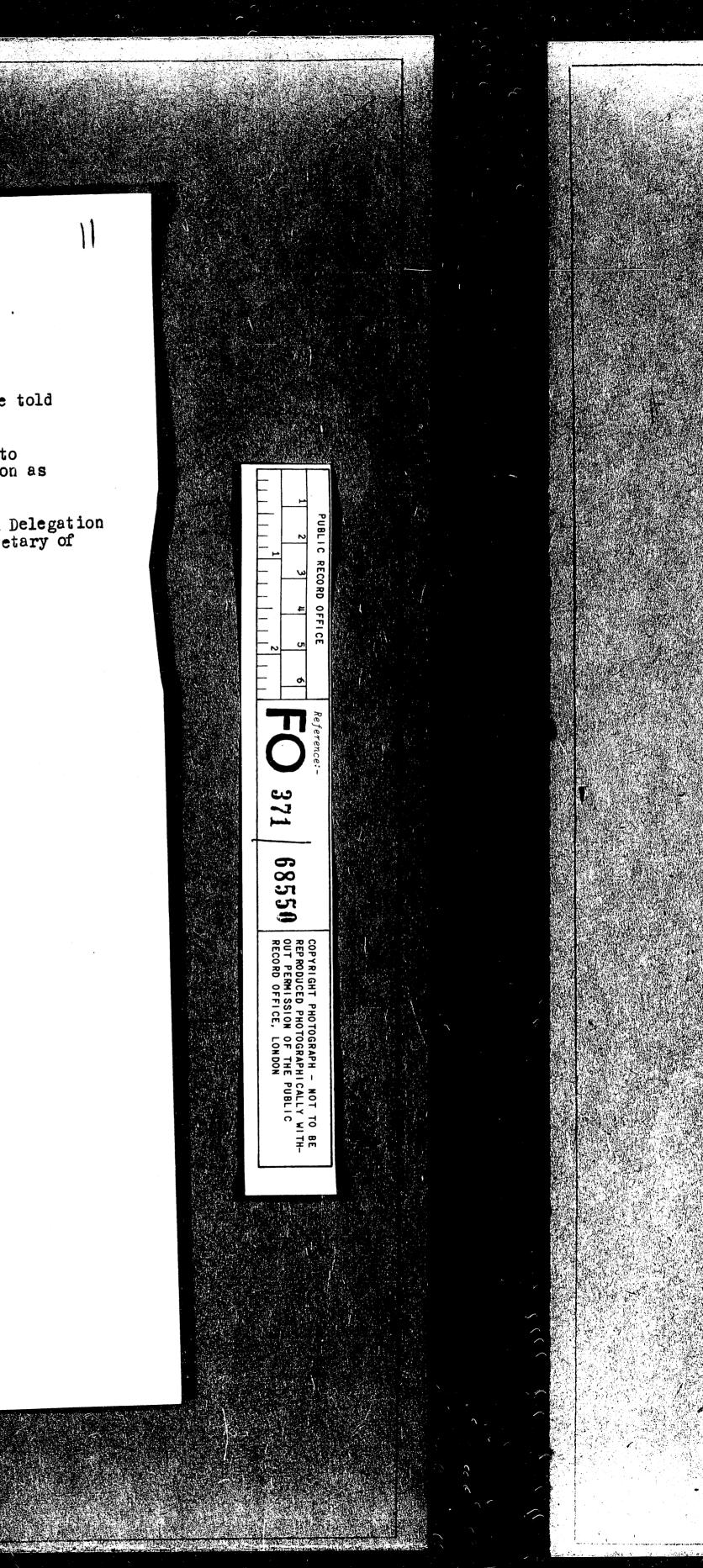
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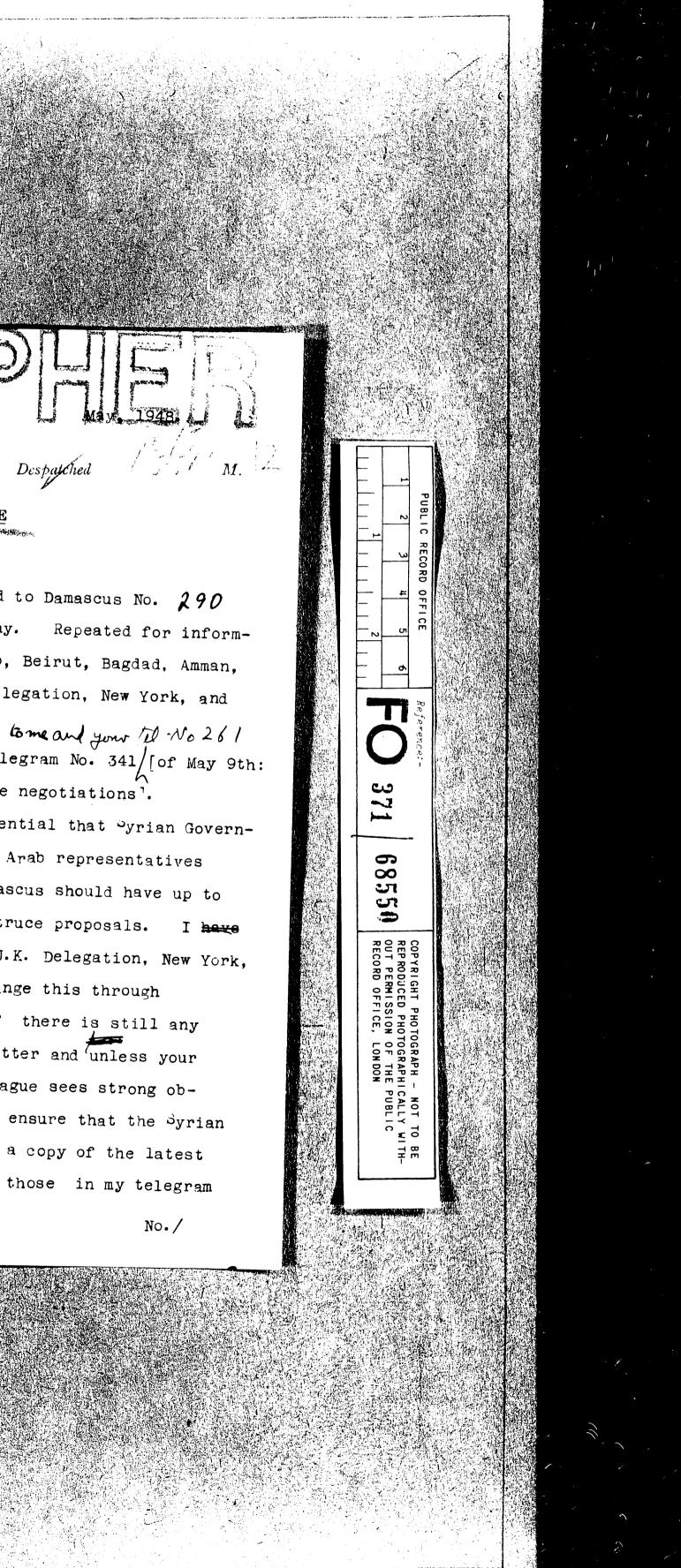
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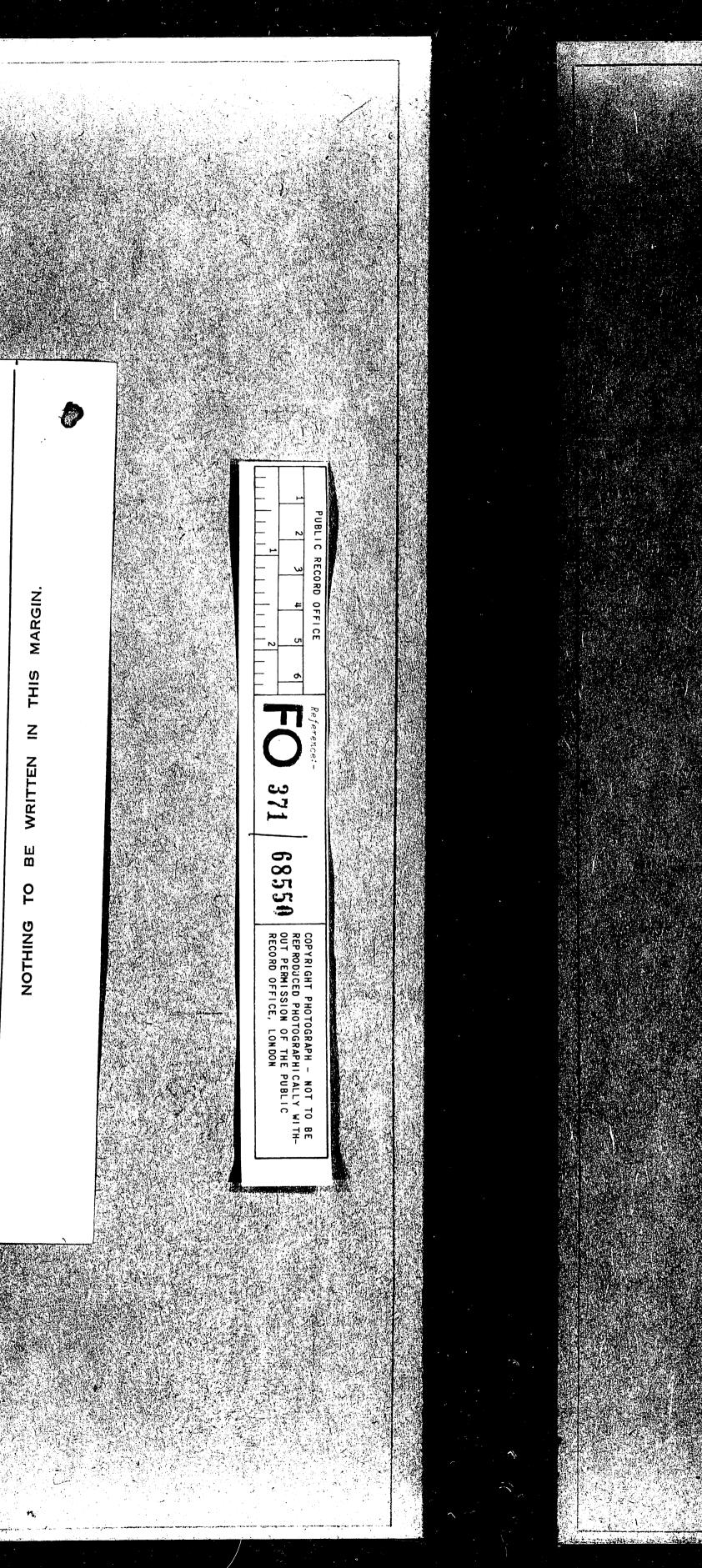
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No. 308 to Fedda as amended by U.K. Delegation, New York, telegram No. 1436. 10-5-2. We have not get fully considered amendments in Delegation of No 1436 but will thegraph any comments as foon as fossible. FARS 10.5



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Addressed to Damascus No. 290 of 10th May. Repeated for information to Cairo, Beirut, Bagdad, Amman, Jedda, British Middle East Office, United Kingdom Delegation New York, and Washington.

Beirut telegram No. 341 to me and your telegram No. 261 [of May 9th: Palestine truce negotiations].

It is essential that Syrian Government and other Arab representatives meeting in Damascus should have up to date text of truce proposals. I asked United Kingdom Delegation, New York, on May 8th to try to arrange this through Americans. If there is still any doubt on the matter and unless your American colleague sees strong objection, please ensure that the Syrian Government have a copy of the latest proposals, i.e. those in my telegram No. 308 to Jedda as amended by United Kingdom Delegation, New York, telegram No. 1436.

2. We have not yet fully considered amendments in Delegation telegram No. 1436 but will telegraph any comments as soon as possible.

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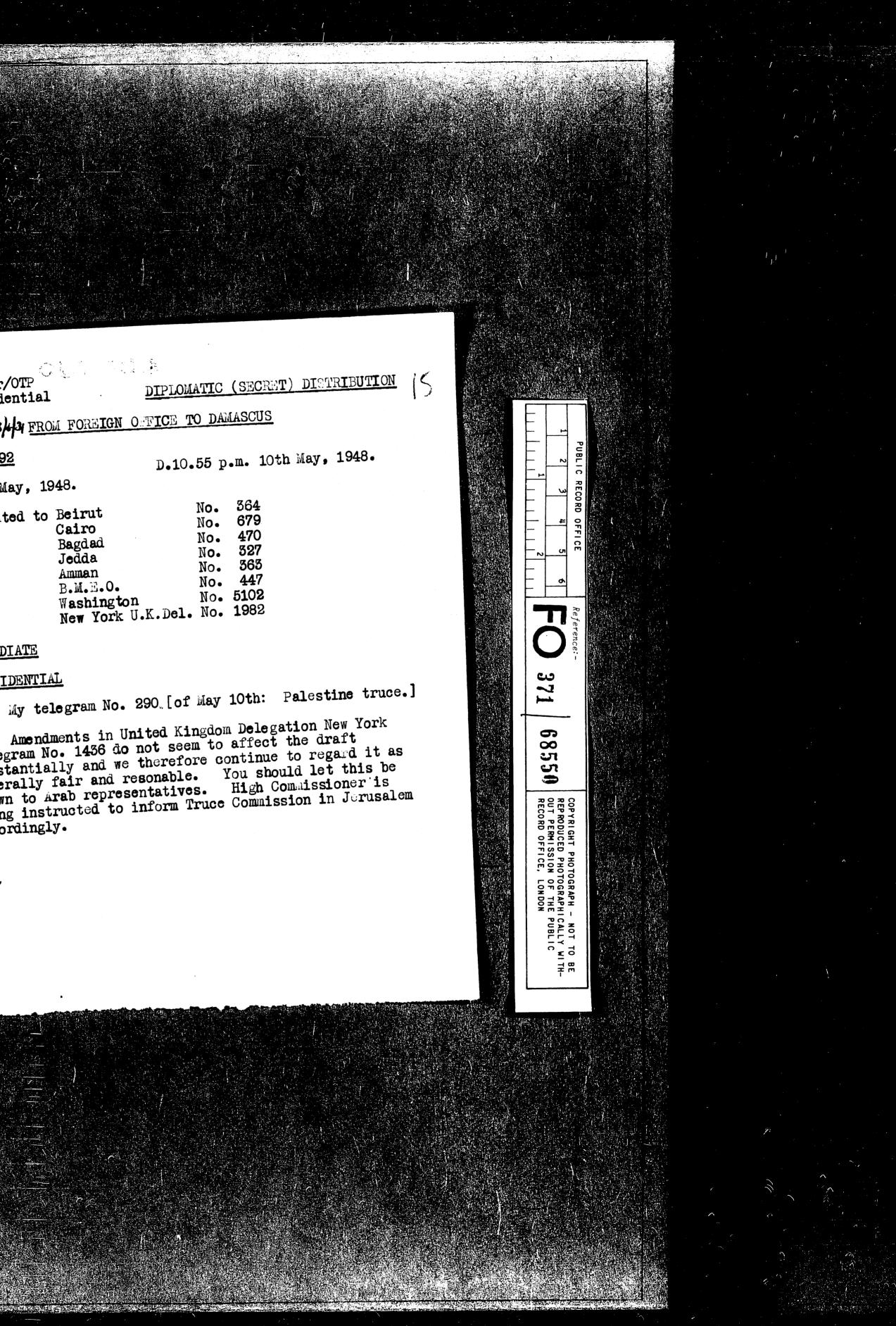
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Amendments in United Kingdom Delegation New York telegram No. 1436 do not seem to affect the draft substantially and we therefore continue to regard it as generally fair and resonable. You should let this be known to Arab representatives. High Commissioner is being instructed to inform Truce Commission in Jerusalem accordingly.

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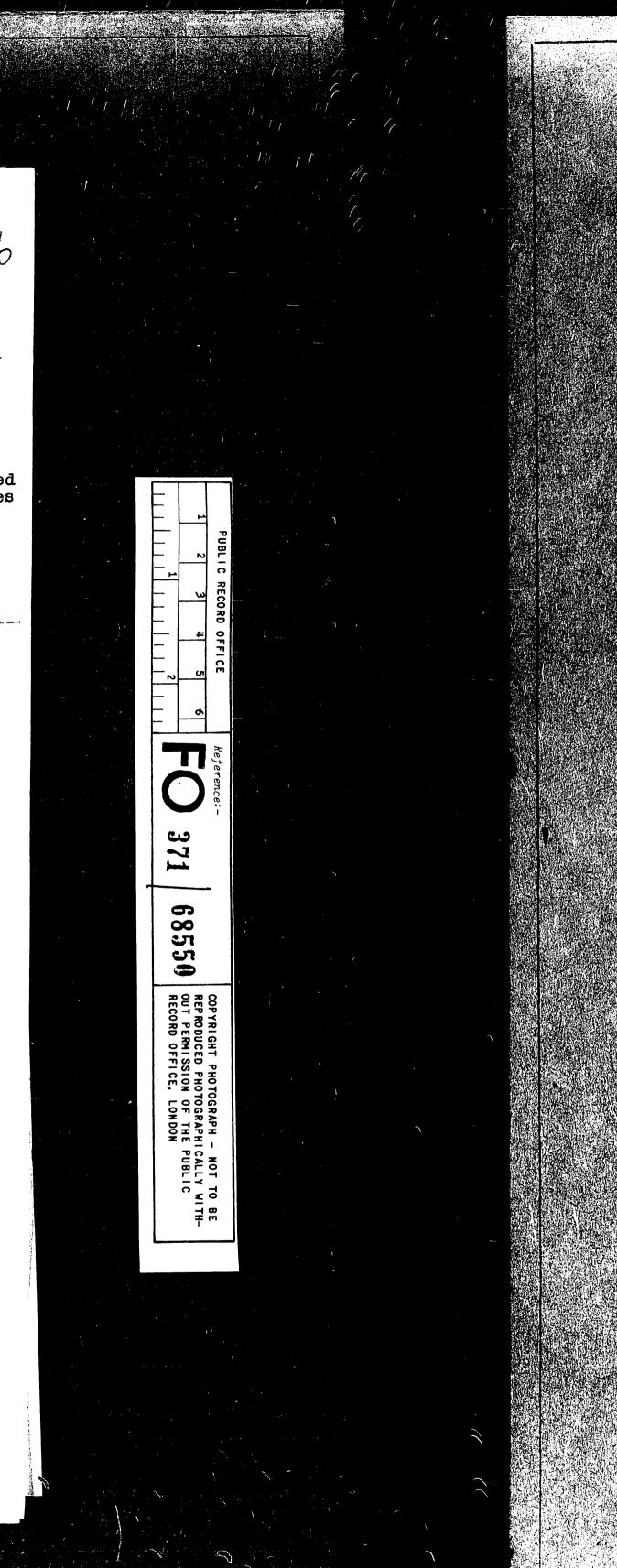
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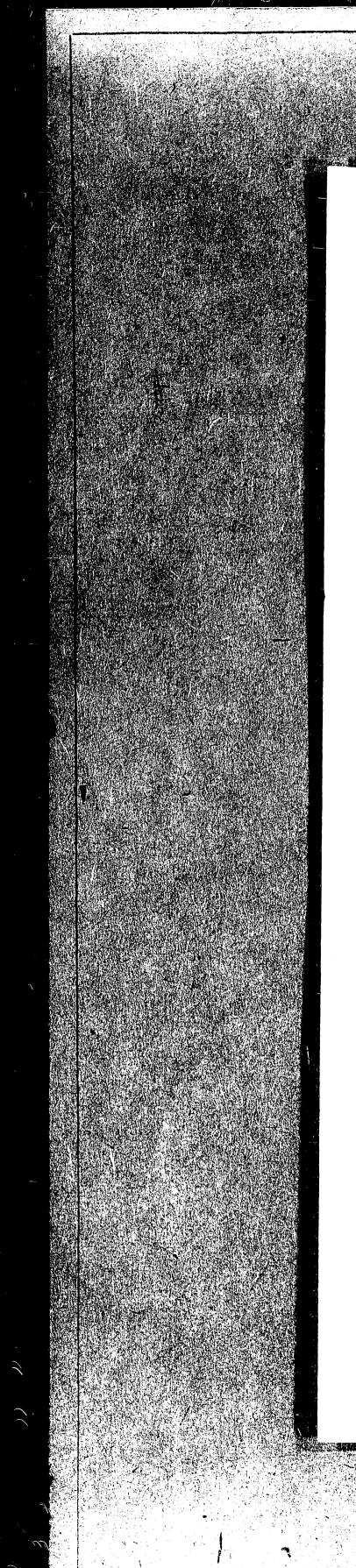
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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No.504 of 8th May, repeated for information to B.M.E.O.Cairo, Damascus, Jedda, Amman, Beirut and UKDEL New York.

Your telegram No.273to Damascus.

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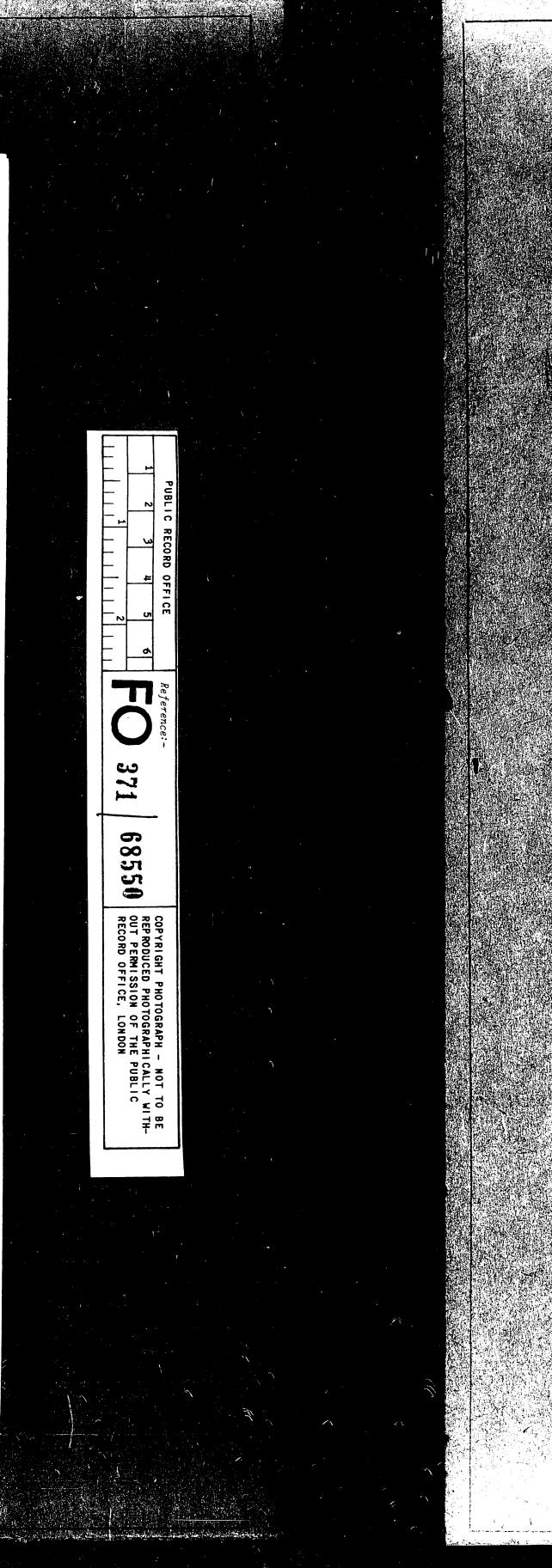
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Your telegram No. 313 paragraph 5.

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Foreign Office please pass to United Kingdom Delegation New York and Jedda as my telegrams Nos. 33 and 34 respectively.

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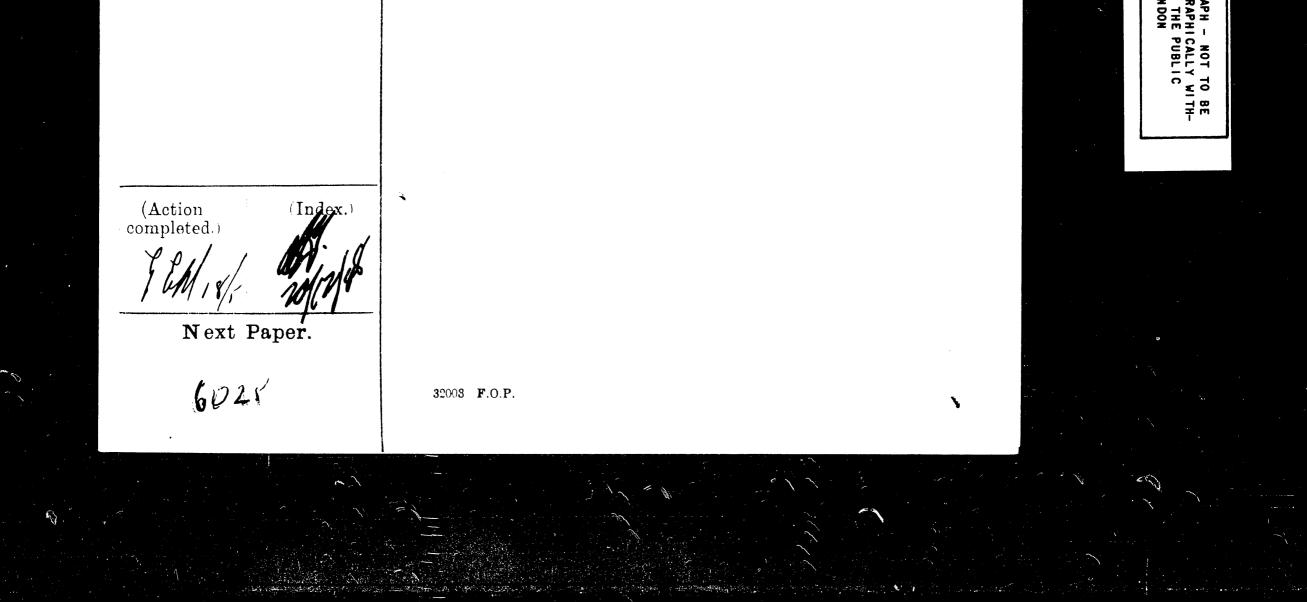
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Your telegram No. 813 to Amman.

Palestine.

Impression given to us here by telegrams from Amman over the last few weeks is that in his heart of hearts King Abdullah does not propose to attempt more than occupation of Arab areas. Lebanese (overnment have suspected this for a long time, but now they appear to have higher hopes.

2. If, therefore, His Majesty's Minister Amman is in a position to confirm that King Abdullah does not In a position to confirm that king abdullah does not (repeat not) propose to occupy more than Arab areas (though he may, if and when his army advances, talk of bigger things in deference to public opinion) I do not think it would be wise to give any advice at all. On the other hand if it is his intention to endeavour to occupy the whole of Palestine, we should, I think, then lose no time in giving the King (but not other Arab Governments) the advice you envisage in a last attempt to save the Arabs from their own foolhardiness and lack of preparation. and lack of preparation.

3. Should King Abdullah eventually decide only to occupy Arab areas and do so, I expect reactions of Lebancse Christians will be virtually negligible.
Moslems, however, will indulge in a certain amount of noisy demonstration and engry protestations that the King Was recognising partition de facto. After that had died down, as it would probably if the King were to invite other Arab States to do something about it

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themselves, the time might be propitious for prelude to some settlement between the Jews and Arabs, especially if latter were ε ble to establish themselves in area occupied on a sound military basis.

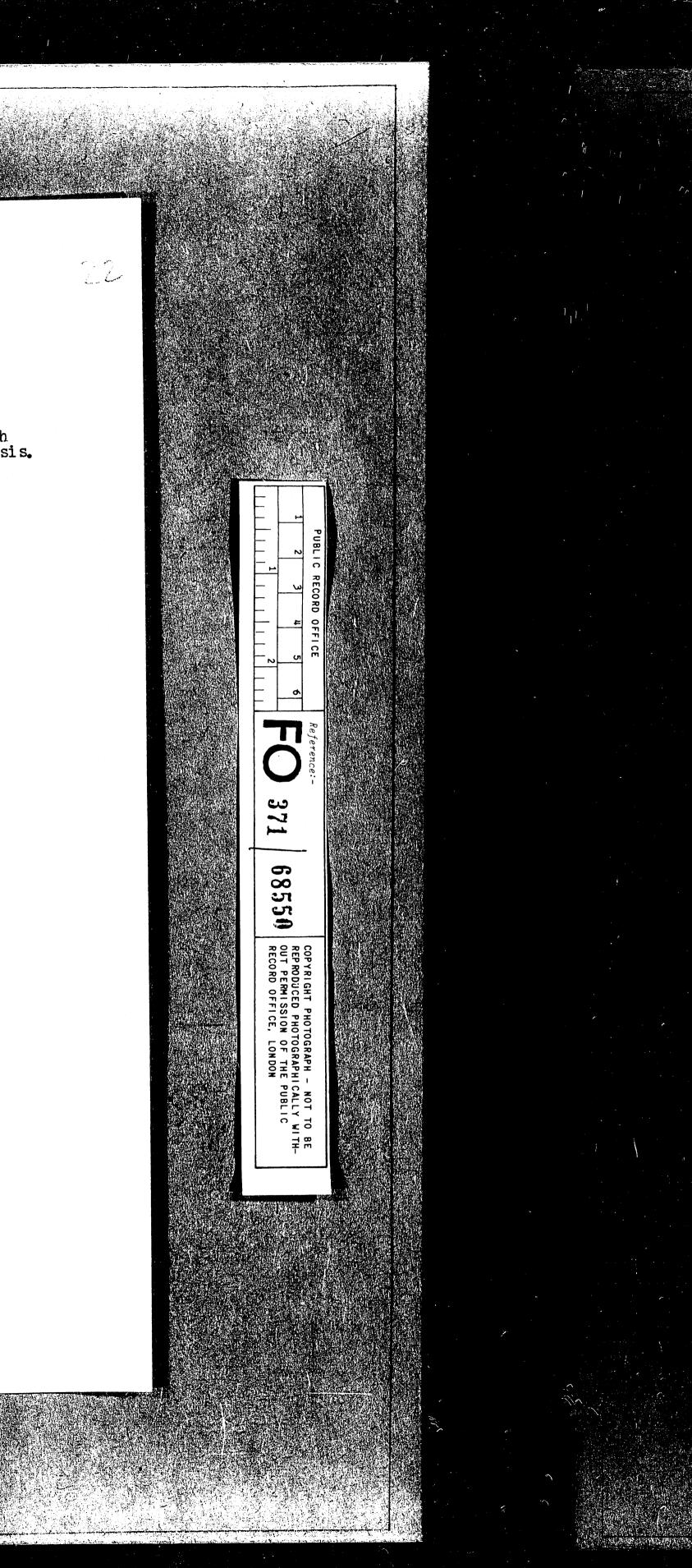
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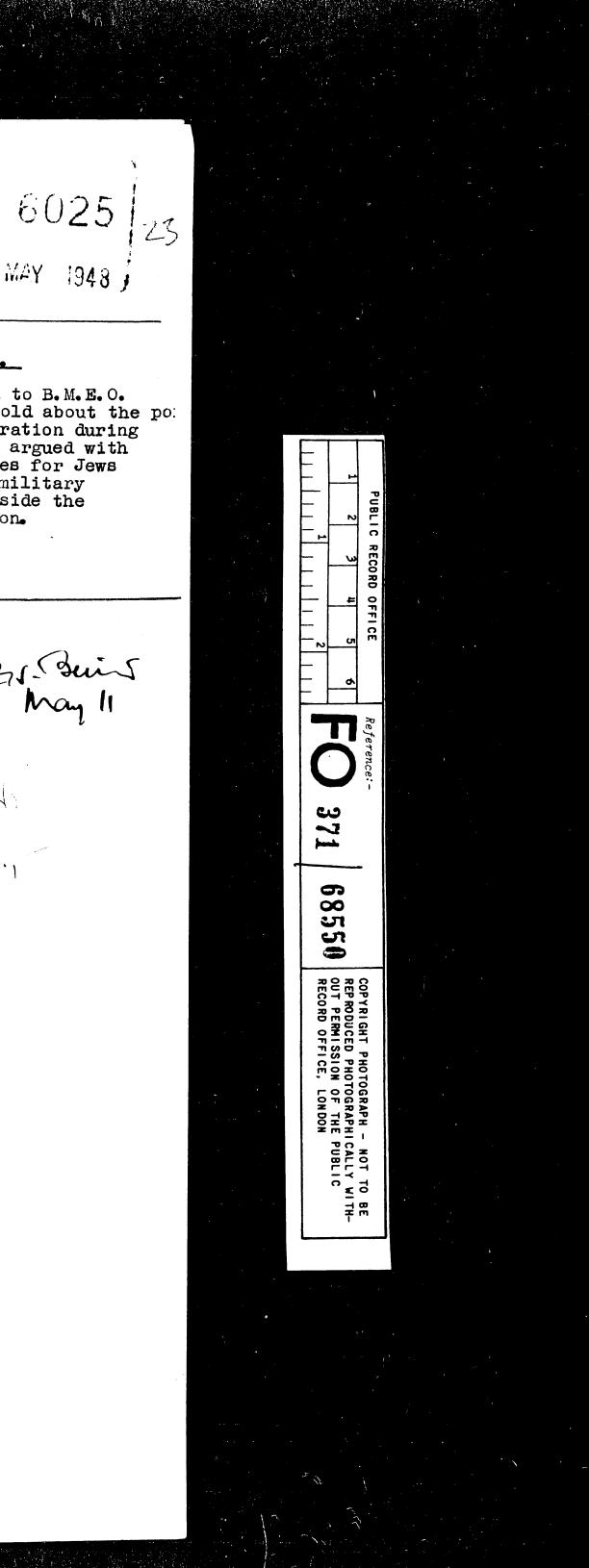
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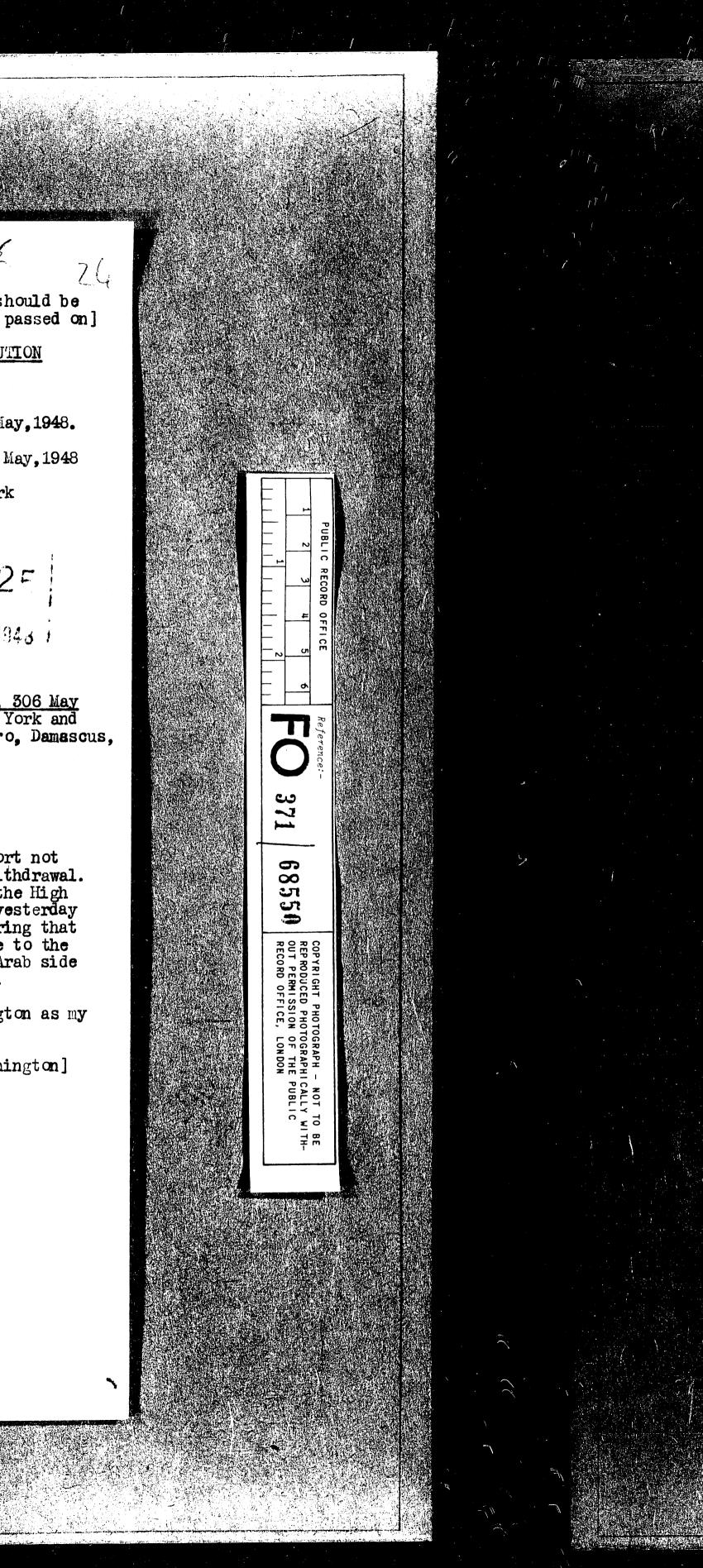
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Your telegram No. 414 to B.M.E.O.

I told Azzam this morning about Haifa Port not being used for immigration during military withdrawal. He had apparently talked on this point with the High Commissioner for Palestine at their meeting yesterday and had argued that food supplies to Jews during that period would be of direct military assistance to the latter who were short of food whilst on the Arab side the shortage was that of arms and ammunition.

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E 15 E_6026 PALLINE 10 10 MAY 1948 Registry Number **E6**026/4/31 Palestine, Communications to Arab Governments Refers Foreign Office telegram No, 270 to Damascus. (E5816/4/G) Spoke to Minister for Foreign Affairs who said that he was in favour of a truce on two conditions. Gives texts of these. TELEGRAM FROM Sir. H. Mack BAGDAD No. 505 Dated PUBLI 9**t**h May 10th " Received in Registry O R D Last Paper. (Minutes.) id ir May 12 Mr Balton AB References. **T**O FAGG 12.5 371 (Print.) 68550 (How disposed of.) 1. Paluhas Kai -May 11 COPYRIGHT PHOTOGRA REPRODUCED PHOTOGR OUT PERMISSION OF RECORD OFFICE, LON APH - NOT TO BE RAPHICALLY WITH-THE PUBLIC NDON (Action completed.) (Index.) Next Paper. 32003 F.O.P.



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Your telegram No. 270 to Damascus.

I have spoken to the Minister for Foreign Affairs accordingly. He gave me his usual long dissertation about Palestine. It is always difficult to bring him to face the facts of the present situation. He did, however, say he personally was anxious that bloodshed should cease and that he was in favour of a truce on two conditions:

a) that status quo ante should be restored by which he meant that the Jews should vacate positions which they have recently occupied by force and that the situation should be "frozen" and (b) that the fundamental rights of the Arabsshould be preserved.

By (b) he-meant that the Arabs should not be expected to agree to partition. I strongly urged that Azzam should accept the High Commissioner's invitation to meet him at Jericho. (Jerusalem telegram 1280 to the Secretary of State).

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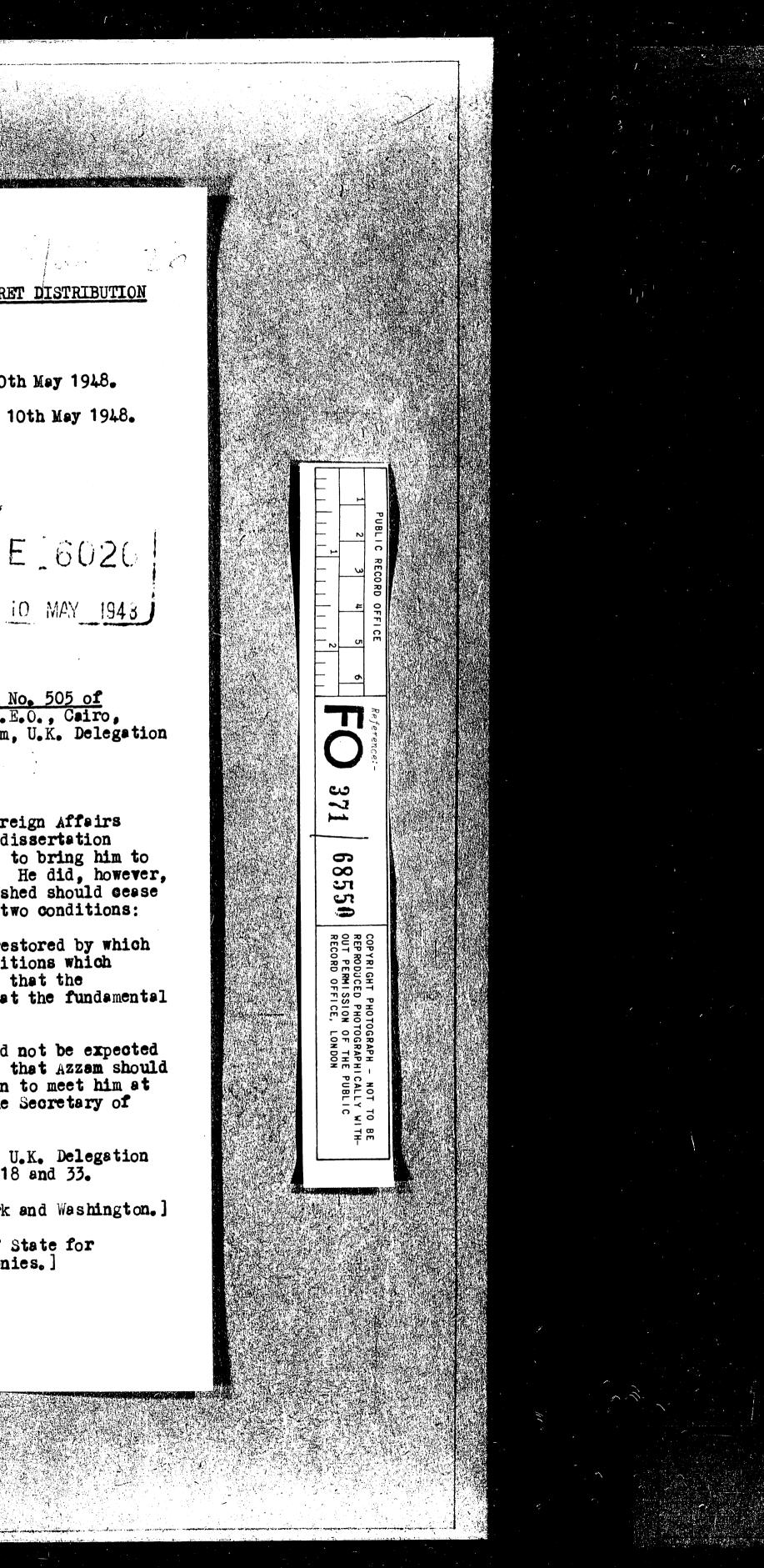
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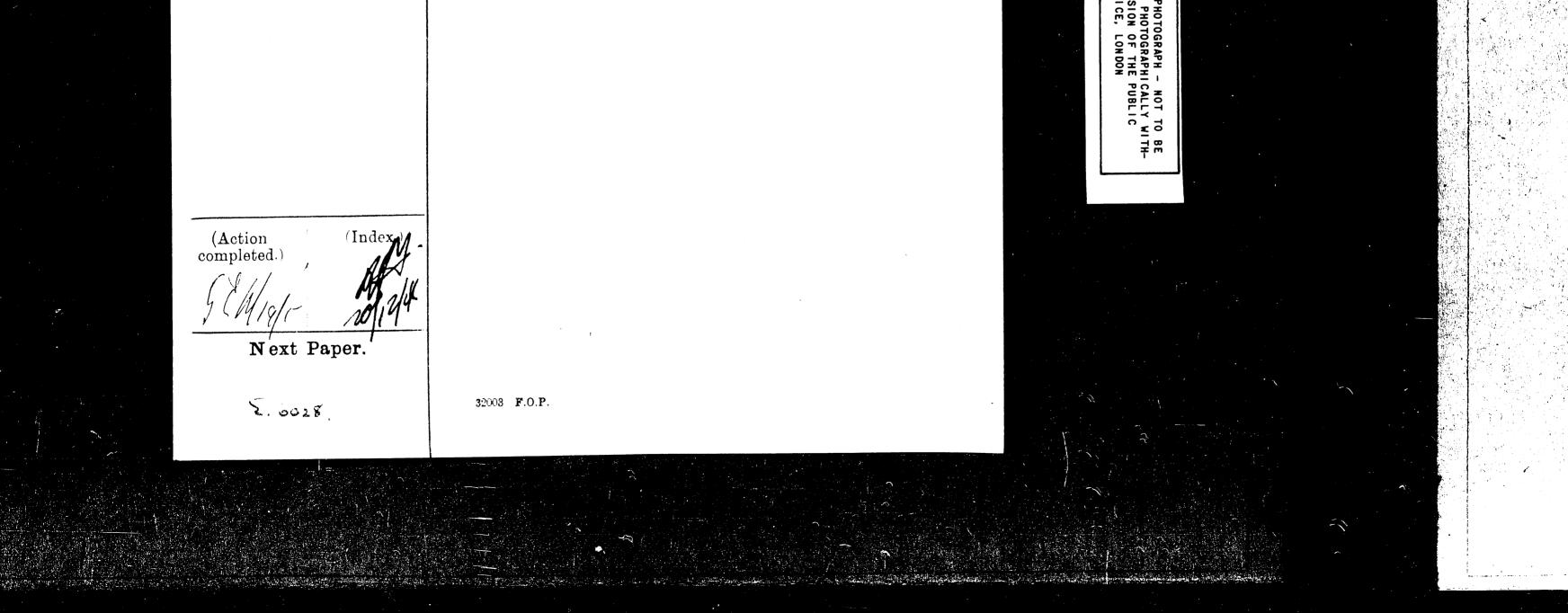
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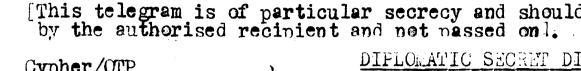
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Your telegram 313 to Annan.

I would foresee two difficulties in suggesting that after May 15th Arabs should confine themselves ing Arab areas. Firstly, this would be tantamount them to endorse principle of partition even if it plished fact. Secondly, area in north east Pales allotted to Jews is contiguous to Syrian frontier a own land [gr.undec.] both sides. Nor do I quite area bordering the Lebanon could be adequately defo access from the east, i.e. across Jewish area.

2. Generally speaking I think it might be b Arabs themselves make proposals although I would s tion to inviting them to do so. We should of cour make it clear that our support would not be forthe we found proposals reasonable. Such a communication made at any time now.

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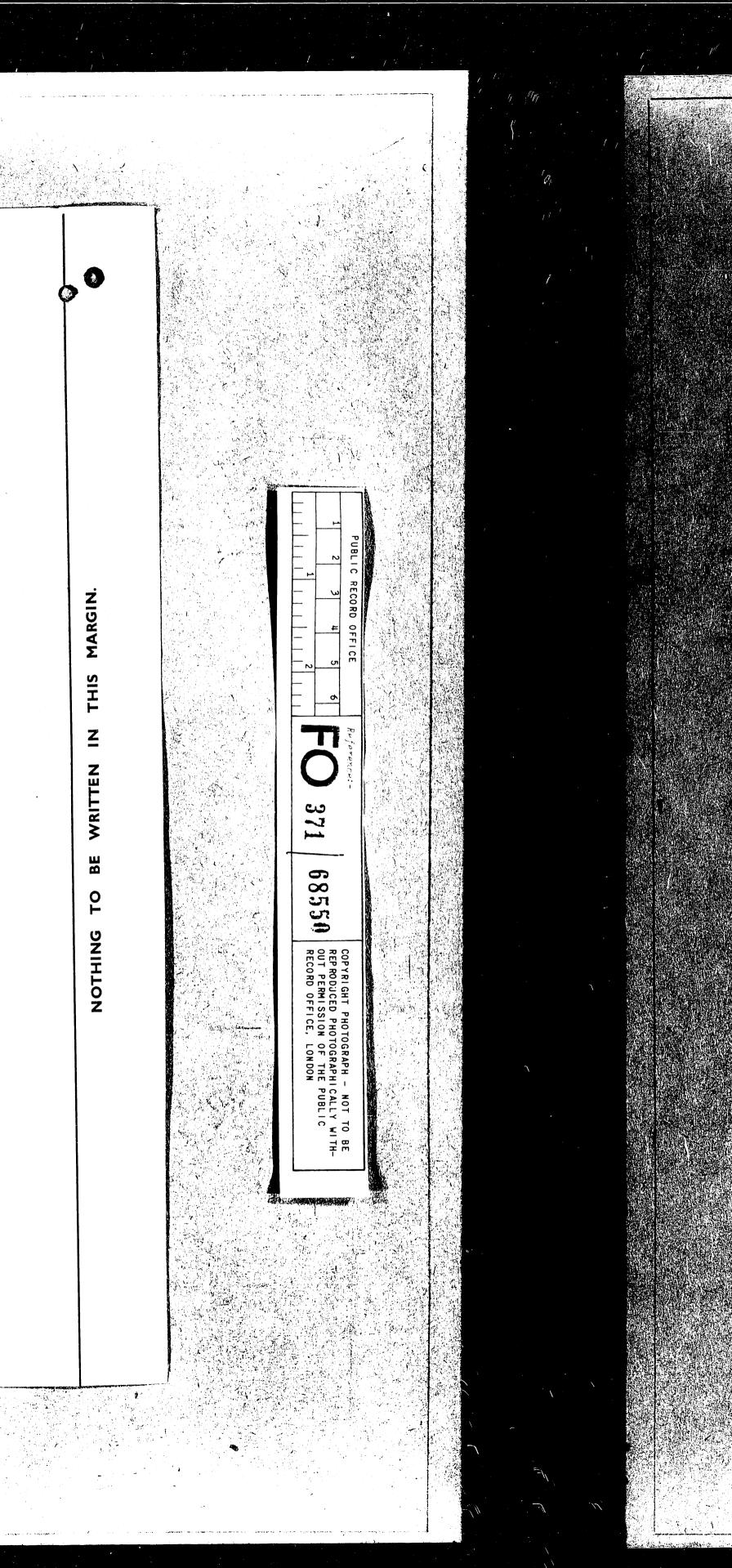
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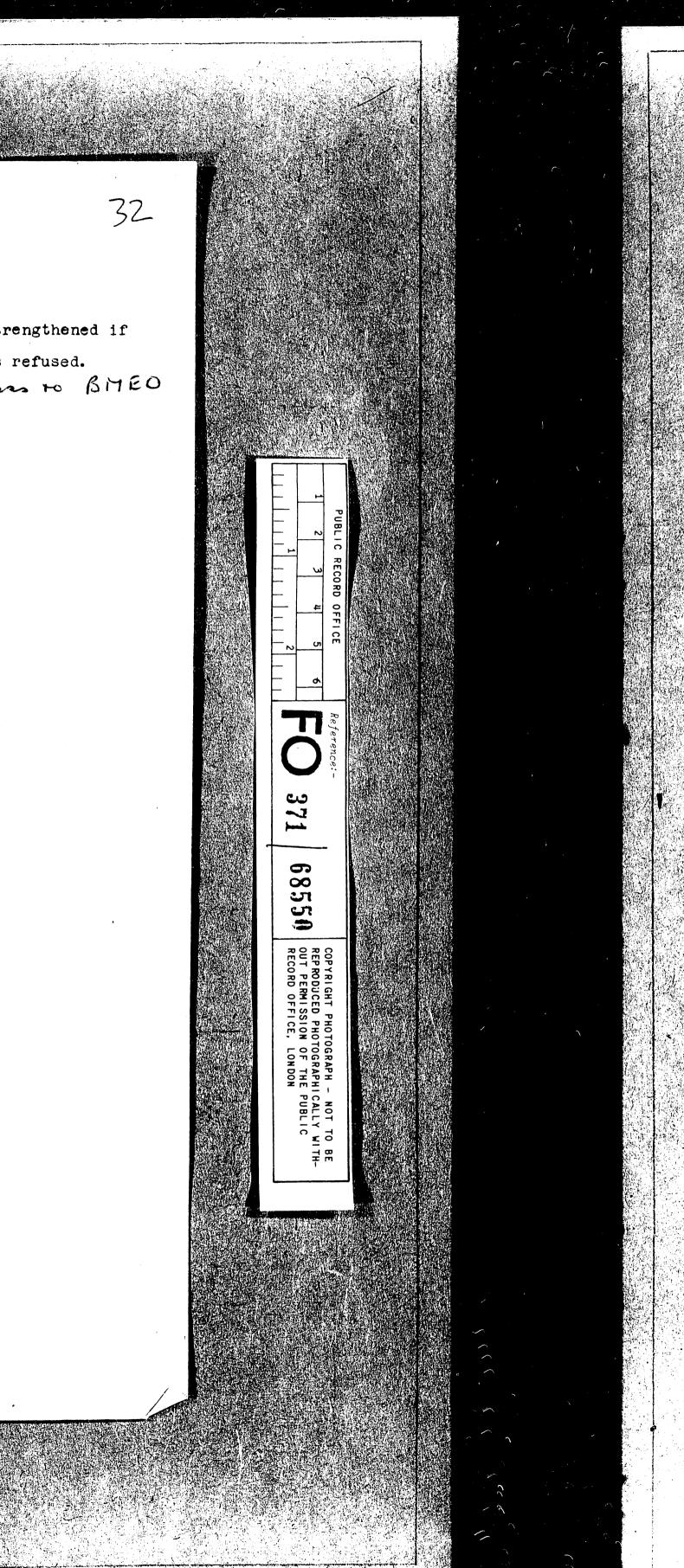
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4. If there is no truce, the results of open warfare in Palestine would be incalculable both as regards the outcome of the conflict in Palestine itself and as regards the effect on the internal situation in the Arab States, most of which have not the political, economic or military resources to carry on a prolonged struggle of this kind. I am sure that Ibn Saud will realise the danger to his own position if extremist influence were able in such conditions to assert itself in the neighbouring Arab States. 5. Even if, Arab States.

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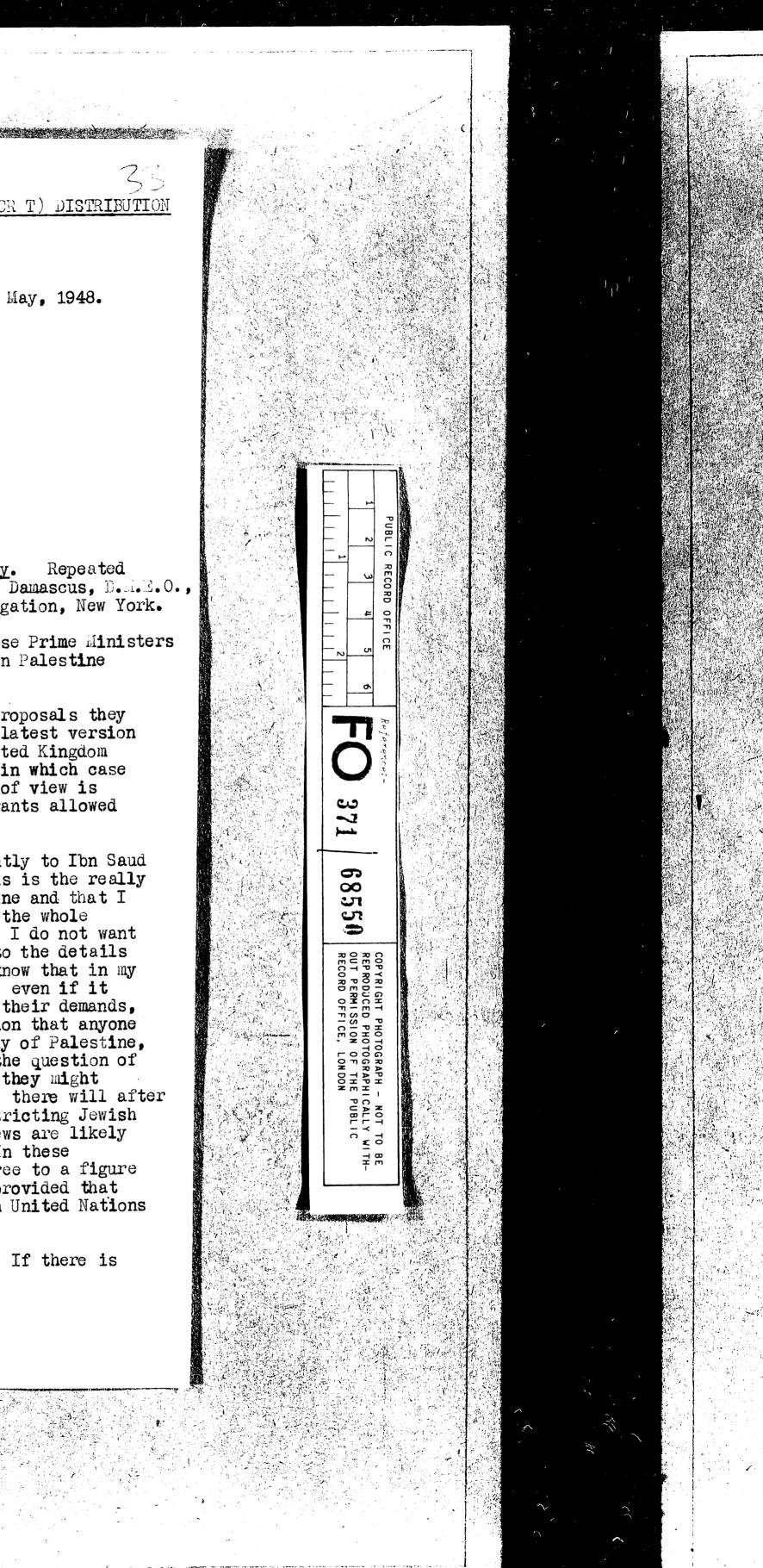
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Press reports that Syrian and Lebanese Prime Ministers have gone to Riyadh to consult Ibn Saud on Palestine truce proposals.

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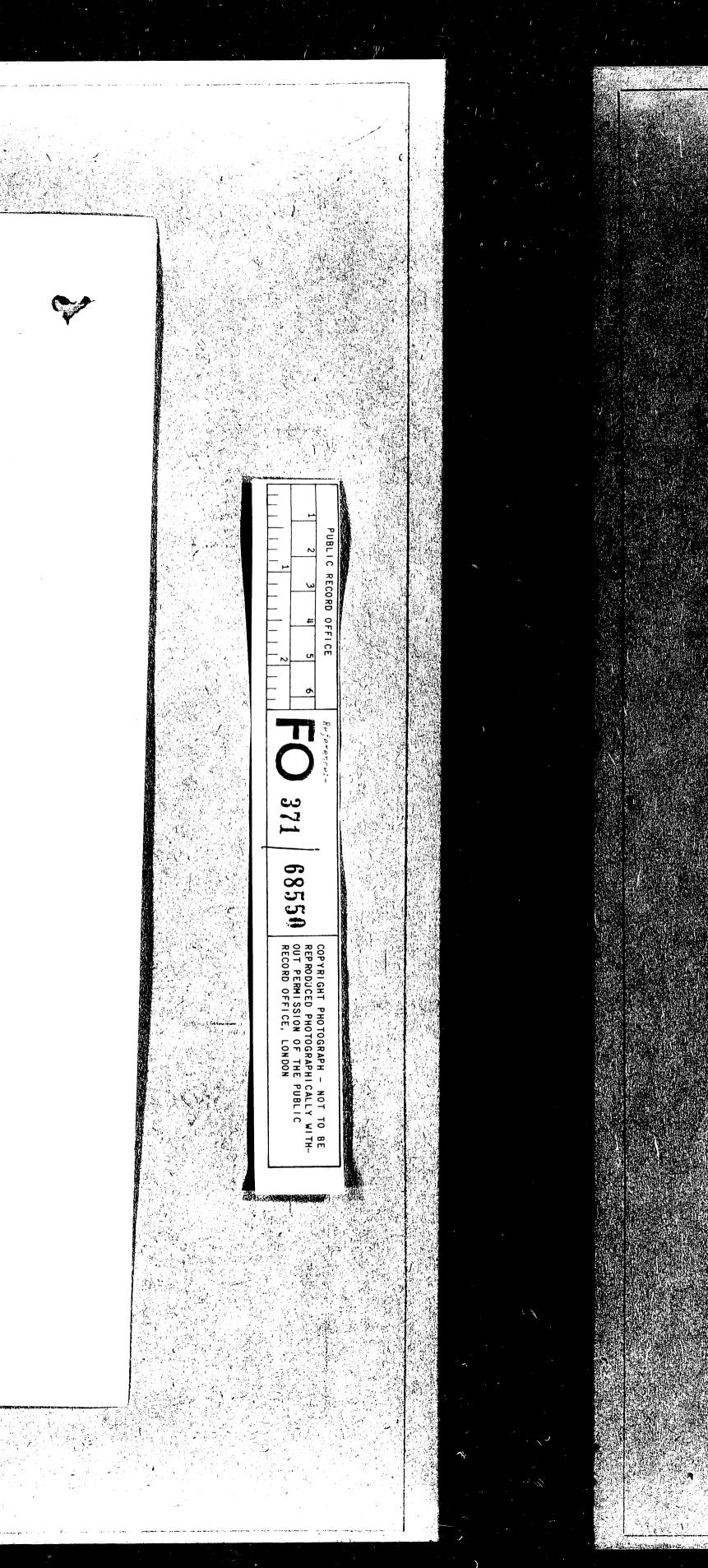
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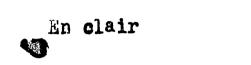
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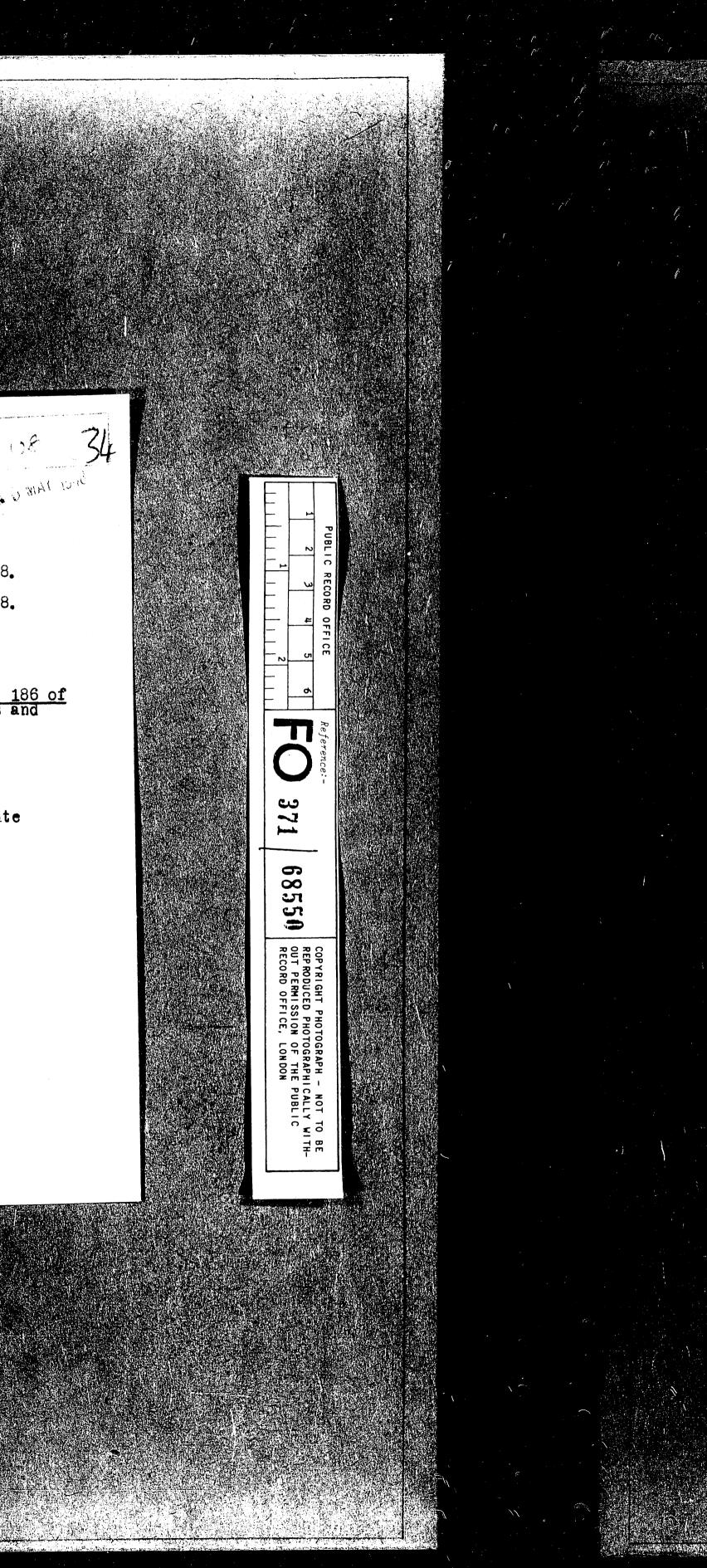
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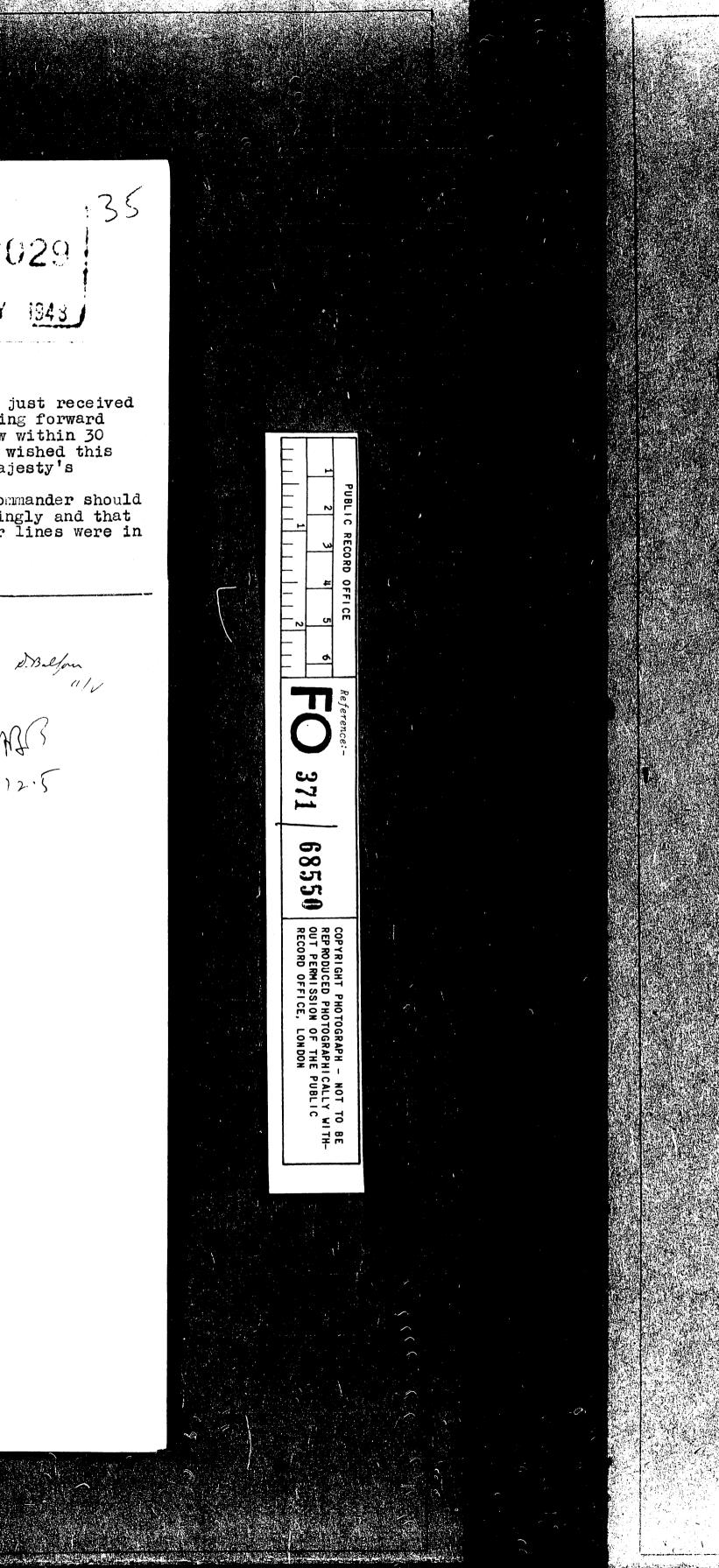
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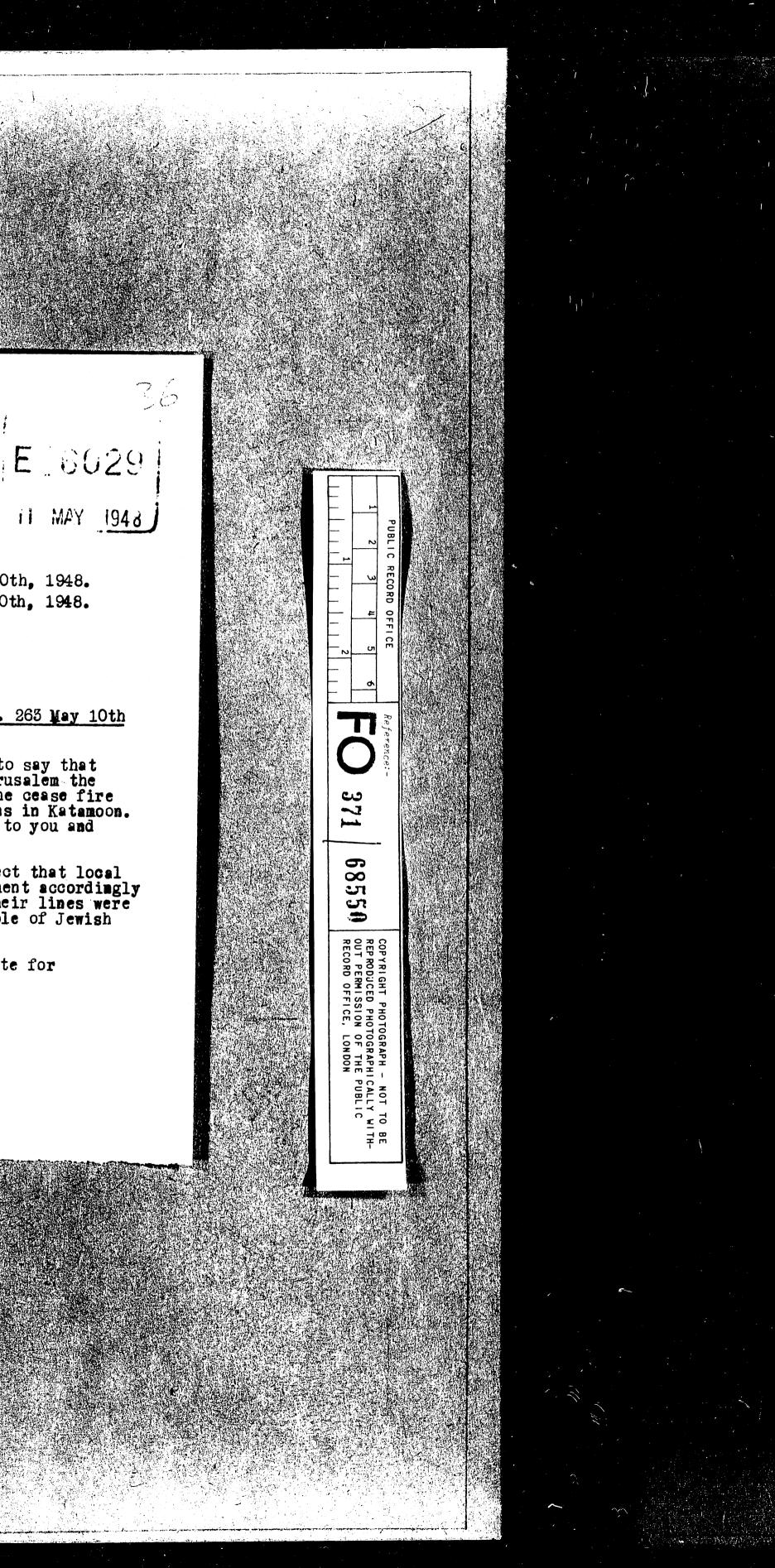
Azzam Pasha sent for me this afternoon to say that according to a message just received from Jerusalem the Jews had been creeping forward in spite of the cease fire and were now within 30 yards of Arab positions in Katamoon. He wished this information urgently conveyed to you and the High Commissioner.

2. He said he was replying to the effect that local commander should inform the Palestine Government accordingly and that the Arabs were not to fire unless their lines were in danger. He cited this as a further example of Jewish bad faith.

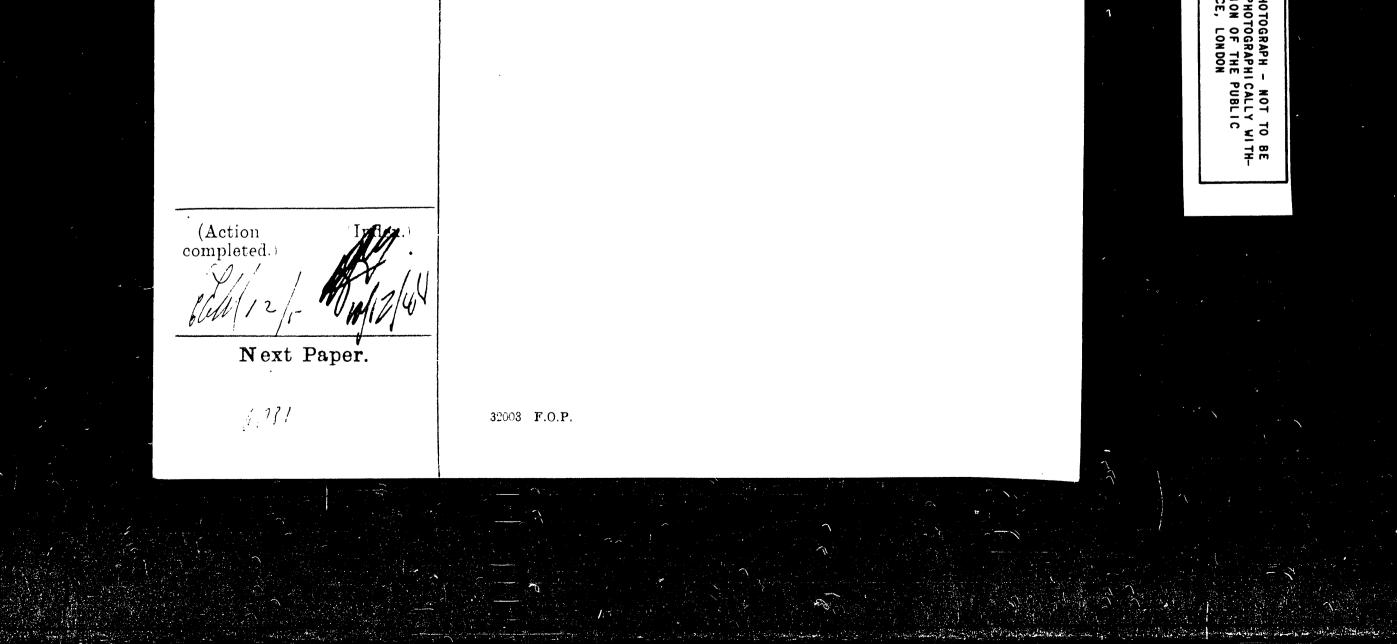
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Mr. Broadmead No. 265

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 265 of 10th May, repeated for information to Jedda, Cairo, Bagdad, Jerusalem, Amman, British Middle East Office Cairo, United Kingdom Delegation New York and Washington.

Your telegram No. 290.

Truce Proposals.

As United States Charge d' Affaires had no objection I gave the President this evening latest text which I explained was being handed over unofficially by me in order that political committee of the Arab League meeting here tomorrow should not be discussing something out of date. Actually while I was there the President opened a letter which he said contained the latest text from New York. Prime Minister who was present looked through new text hurriedly and said it seemed far worse than the earlier one. Prime Minister who was in one of his impossible moods seemed to make the President less calm than usual and although I tried to make them both see the necessity for a truce I certainly did not get very far in the prevailing atmosphere. I said I could not discuss changes in the latest text. However they said they would consider them.

2. I also took this opportunity of giving the President the message contained in your telegram No. 307 to Jedda while making it clear it was written on the basis of the earlier proposals.

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3. Fall of Safad and the incident in Katamoon mentioned in my telegram No. 263 were both referred to again. Indeed anything is brought out to support the conviction that the Jews, having already effected partition, they are not going to stop anywhere even if they sign a truce. Pleas about doing nothing which would put the Arabs in the wrong with world opinion did not seem to carry any weight.

4. Earlier in the afternoon when seeing Azzam on other matters we talked generally about a truce on a "personal" basis and I tried every possible argument to convince him, but what seemed then to be worrying him [? grp.omtd] unparalleled political situation.

Foreign Office please pass to Washington and United Kingdom Delegation as my telegrams Nos 31 and 51 respectively.

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<u>No. 290</u>

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Addressed to Damascus No. 290 of 10th May-Repeated for information to Cairo, Beirut, Bagdad, Amman, Jedda, British Middle East Office, United Kingdom Delegation New York, and Washington.

Beirut telegram No. 341 to me and your telegram No. 261 [of May 9th: Palestine truce negotiations].

It is essential that Syrian Government and other Arab representatives meeting in Damascus should have up to date text of truce proposals. I asked United Kingdom Delegation, New York, on May 8th to try to arrange this through Americans. If there is still any doubt on the matter and unless your American colleague sees strong objection, please ensure that the Syrian Government have a copy of the latest proposals, i.e. those in my telegram No. 308 to Jedda as amended by United Kingdom Delegation, New York, telegram No. 1436.

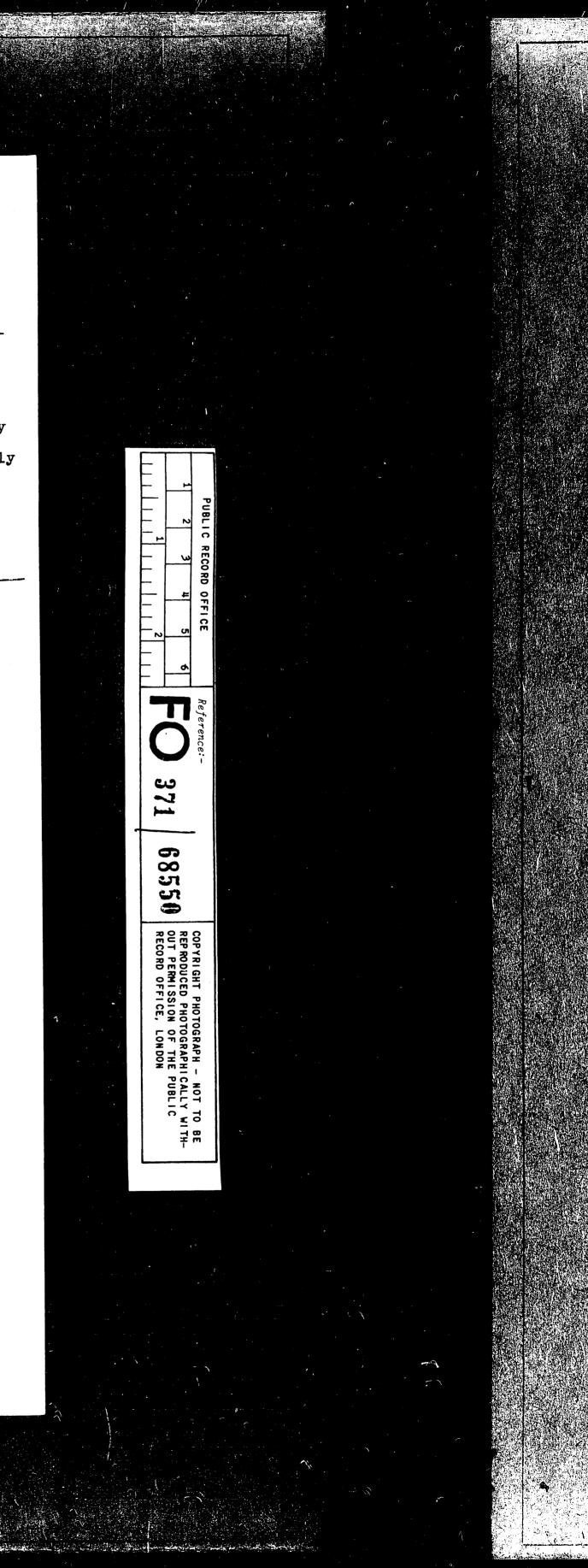
2. We have not yet fully considered amendments in Delegation telegram No. 1436 but will telegraph any comments as soon as possible.

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Addressed Foreign Office No. 1442 of 10th May repeated for information Washington.

Your telegram No. 1964: Palestine.

On behalf of the State Department, Washington asked us about this report by telephone on Saturday afternoon. Shertok had not then left for Palestine and Beeley authorised Dean Rusk to inform him

(A) that His Majesty's Government were whole-heartedly behind the proposal for a truce;

(B) that His Majesty's Government, not being in the confidence of Abdullah on this question could give no guarantee whatsoever of the military plans of the Arab Legion after 15th May.

2. Beeley added that he was sure the Colonial Secretary's remarks had been distorted in transmission by Shertok.

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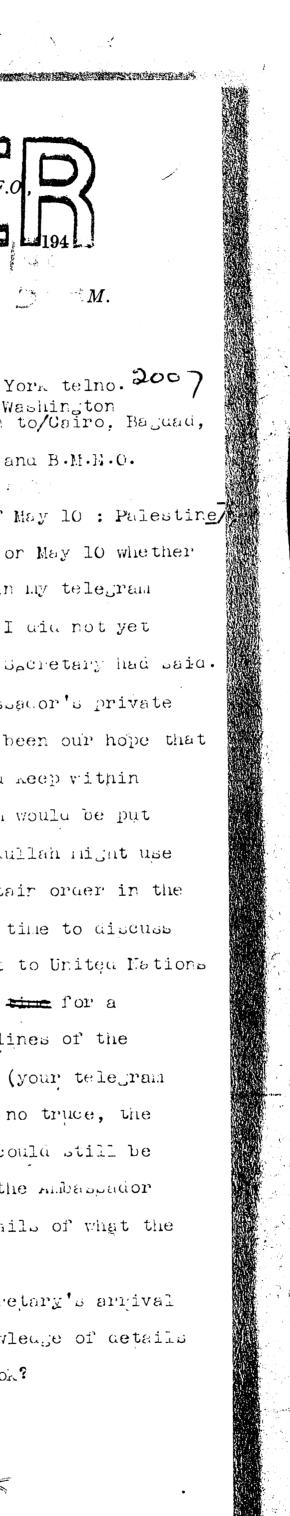
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(To United Kingdom Delegation to the United Nations) <u>No. 2007</u>. D: 2.50.a.m. May 12th, 1948.

May 11th, 1948. Repeated to Washington

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Addressed to United Kingdom Delegation New York telegram No. 2007 of May 11th, repeated for information to Washington, Cairo, Bagdad, Amman, Jedda, Beirut, Damascus and British Middle East Office.

Your telegram No. 1442 [of May 10th: Palestine].

United States Ambassador asked me on May 10th whether I thought statements reported in my telegram No. 1964 were correct. I said I did not yet know exactly what the Colonial Secretary had said. I added, however, for the Ambassador's private information that it had always been our hope that the Jews would act sensibly and keep within their own zones, that Jerusalem would be put under a truce and that King Abdullah might use his forces temporarily to maintain order in the Arab areas. This would allow time to discuss the whole situation and, subject to United Nations approval, would possibly allow for a settlement to be found on the lines of the Colonial Secretary's proposals (your telegram No. 1424A). Even if there were no truce, the Colonial Secretary's proposal could still be adopted. I undertook to let the Ambassador know as soon as I had more details of what the Colonial Secretary said.

2. Pending the Colonial Secretary's arrival here, have you any further knowledge of details of his conversation with Shertok?

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Addressed to Jerusalen telegram No. 390 of 10th May.

repeated for information to Foreign Office and Washington.

Parodi, in his capacity as President of Security Council, read to us today the texts of telegrams he had received from the Truce Commission and from the French Consul at Jerusalem. It appeared from these telegrams that, whereas you had succeeded in obtaining Azzam Pasha's agree-ment to a proposal for a truce in Jerusalem, the Truce Commission had more or less simultaneously obtained a favourable response from the Jewish Agency to a different proposal. If true, this justifies the fear you have expressed that the wires might become crossed. In view of the present urgency, however, it is obviously difficult to avoid this altogether.

2. Parodi asked us to convey to you his hope that it would be possible to co-ordinate these apparently separate proposals and to obtain the concurrence of both parties as urgently as possible. He also asked us to appeal to you to do anything that might be in your power to augment the prestige of the United Nations Truce Commission.

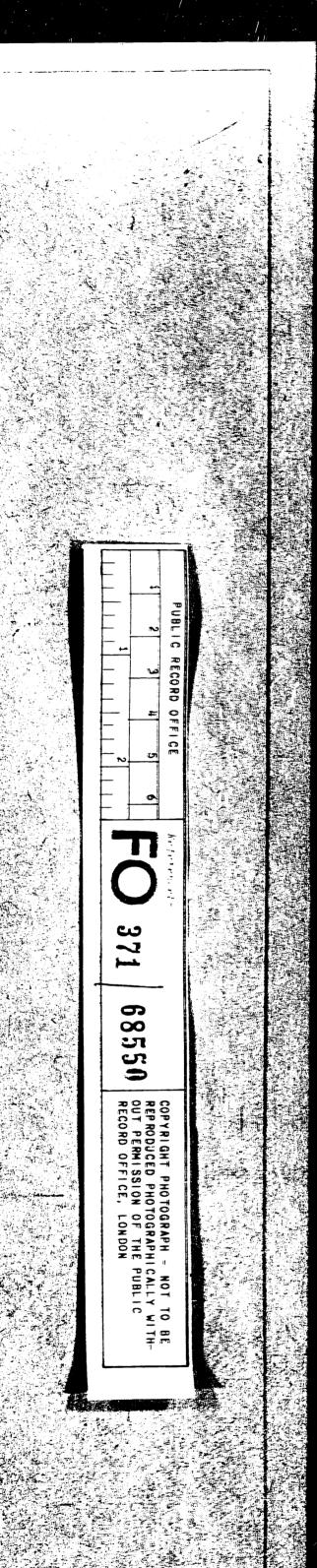
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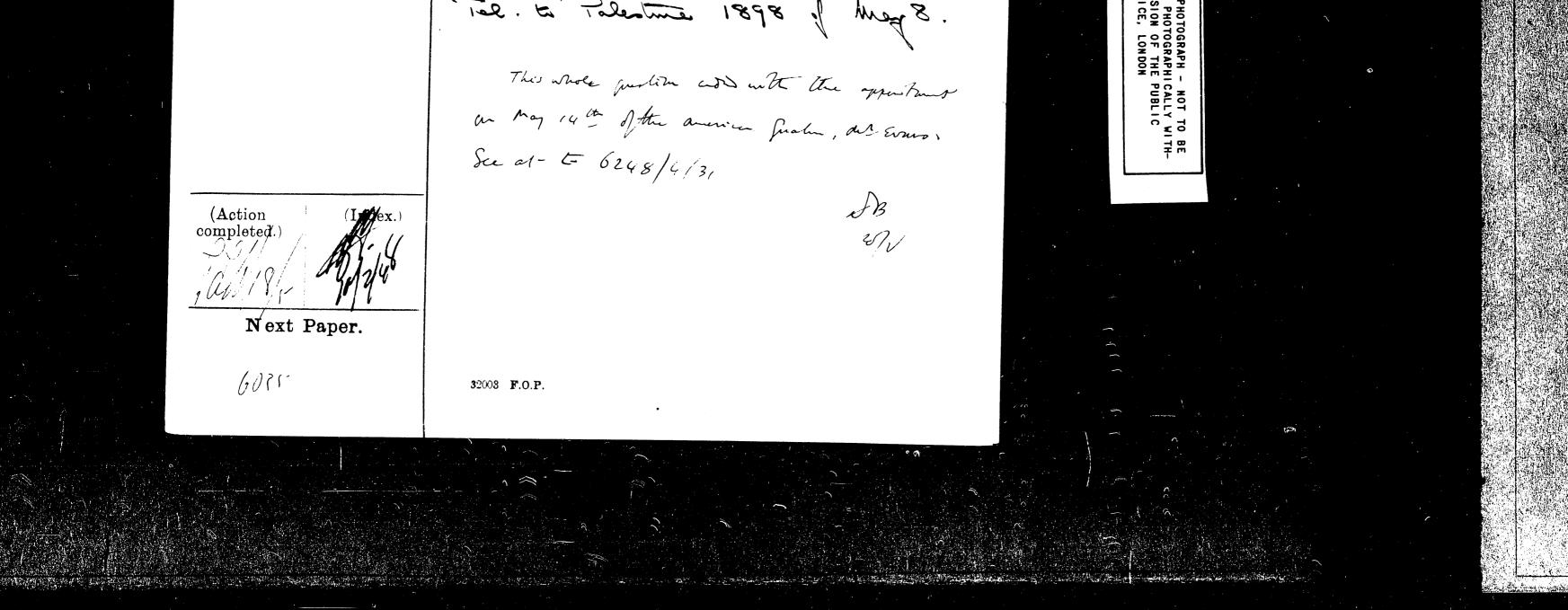
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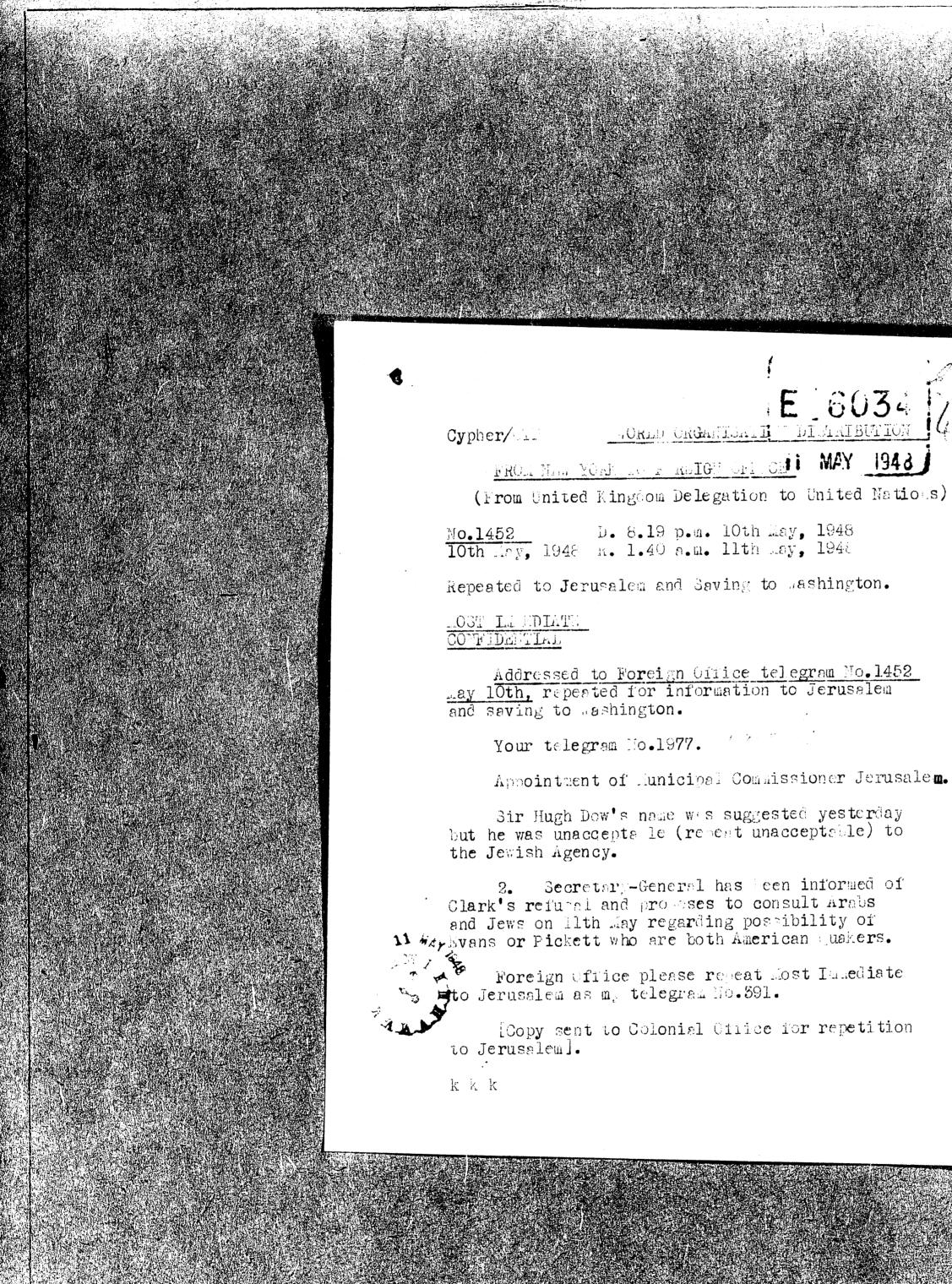
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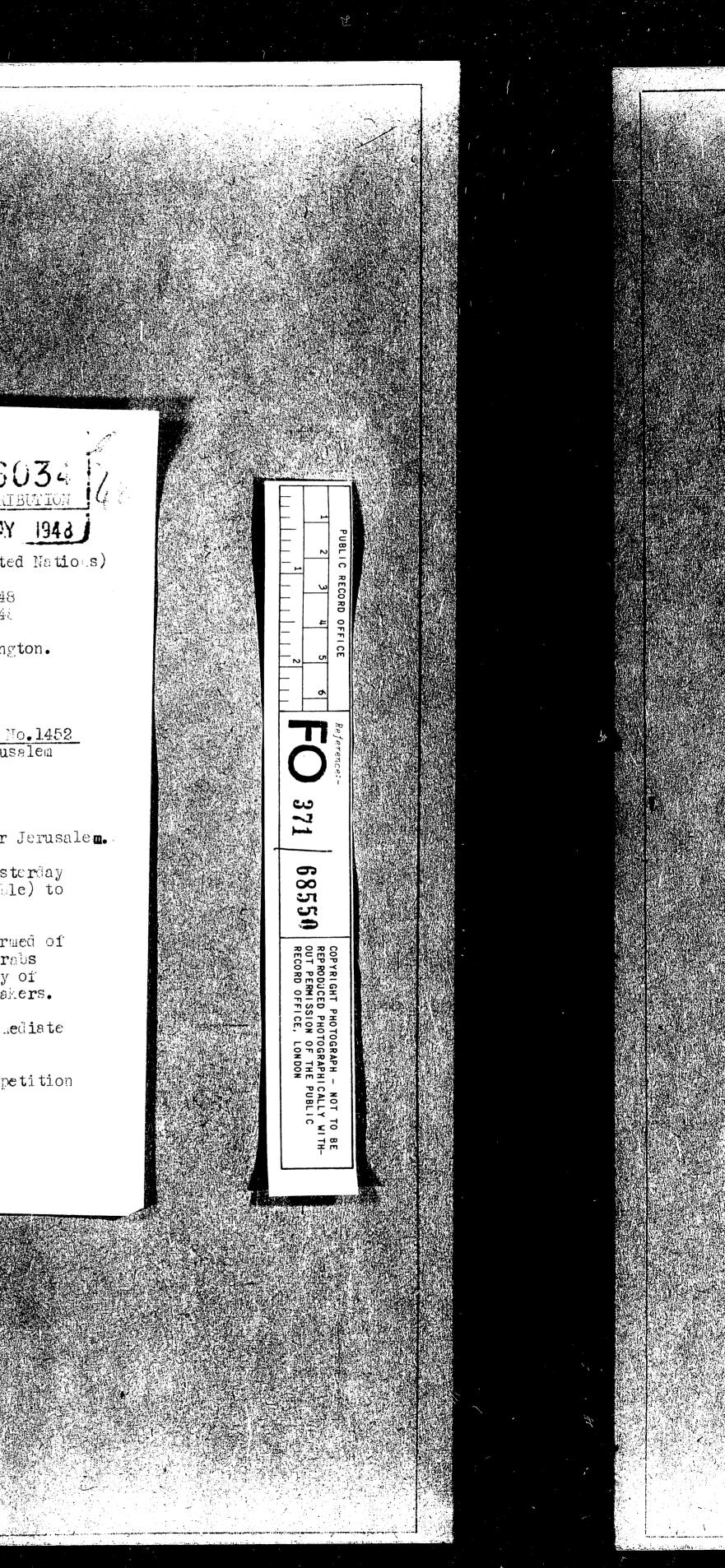


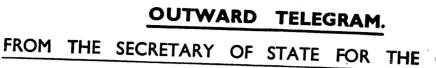
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678 E E 6035 50 1948 TALLE LOLD 11 MAY 1948 His Majesty's Government's Interests in Palestine. Registry Number **E6035/4/31**, Refers New York telegram No, 1433 dated 8th May (E5954/4/31) New York Times contains substantially cobrect account of the secret letter to the Palestine Commission regarding the safeguarding of H.M.G's interests in Palestine after the termination of the Mandate, P(NY)87 dated 27th April (E5492/4/31) TELEGRAM FROM United Kingdom Delegation No. NEW YORK 1454 Dated Received in Registry 10th May 11th " CORD Last Paper. (Minutes.) See attached Brief tet. 154 from Co. to uk bel. 12/5 E.A. Deptherder News Dept. Bray B John 13 6014References. \bigcirc 371 JB may 13 (Print.) 68550 (How disposed of.) Lat 8 jalutiae Granamer Dit COPYRIGHT PHOTO REPRODUCED PHOTO OUT PERMISSION RECORD OFFICE, May. TOGRAPH - NOT TO BE OTOGRAPHICALLY WITH-N OF THE PUBLIC , LONDON Loug Loan (turnson KNA. (Action completed.) (Index) Next Paper. 6076 32003 F.O.P.

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 1454 of 10th May,

repeated for information to Washington.

My telegram 1433 paragraph 5 (2). 1. SALVIN

Palestine.

To-day's New York Times contains substantially accurate account (ostensibly from Lake Success) of the secret letter to the Palestine Commission regarding the safeguarding of His Majesty's Government's interests in Palestine after the termination of the Mandate, $P(N,Y_*)$ 87 of the 27th April.

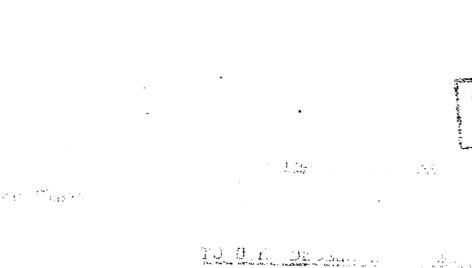
2. Bunche has assured Fletcher-Cooke that there are only 6 copies of this document at Lake Success - one for each of the members of the Commission and Bunche's own copy. Bunche has given an assurance that so far as he is aware no (repeat no) leakage took place at Lake Success.

5. This document of course received usual P/N.Y. distribution including Commonwealth (except India and Pakistan) and United States Delegations here.

4. During a visit to the State Department on May 9th Reedman of the United Nations Secretariat who had not (repeat not) seen the document at Lake Success was shown a copy by a member of the State Department believed to have been Doherty. Contents of this document were freely dis-cussed and Reedman formed the impression that its secrecy was not (repeat not) fully appreciated in the State Department. $\not \sim$

5. In view of this leakage I do not think we can avoid disclosing the document in sub-committee if asked to do so.

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In reply to press enquiries we have denied our concerning between representations concerning economic interests of His Majesty's Government and assets of Palestine Government and pointed out that liquid assets of latter are in any case insufficient to meet current liabilities. Reference to 250 million is presumably to assets of Palestine Currency Board which are quite a different matter.

In reply to supplementary press questions about Currency Board assets we shall point out that these are not assets of Palestine Government, but are held by Currency Board as backing of Palestine currency and for redemption of currency notes as required (subject to provision of British exchange control). Since it is not practicable to substitute new currency or currencies immediately the Currency Board are continuing to operate for the time being. United Nations Consission have agreed to appoint an observer to attend meetings of Falestine Currency Board.

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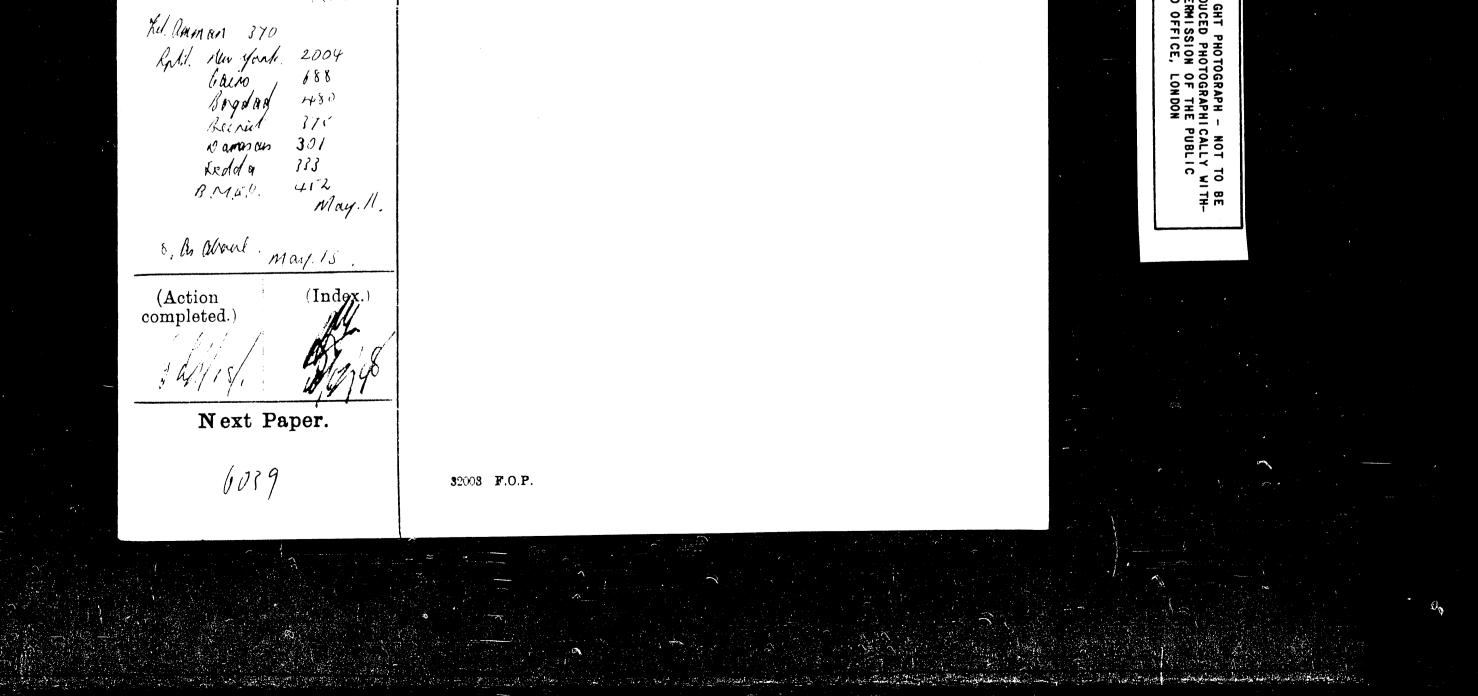
681 F 53 8**6**038 E. PALESTINE 11 MAY 1948 $\begin{array}{c} Registry\\ Number \end{array} \} \mathbf{E6038/4/31}$ Palestine Truce. Refers Foreign Office telegram No ,308 to Jedda. (E6014/4/31) As neither Azzam or Transjordan author-ities were in possesion of latest draft truce terms Sir, A. Kirkbride gave them text in English. **TELEGRAM FROM** Sir, Alec No. Kirkbride Gives report on their reactions. AMAN Dated 311 Received 10th May 11th " in Registry Last Paper. (Minutes.) D. Balfor 6037 Mr. Bally man 12 References. Tel tent in reply & sava. 4 HARS 3 (Print.) (How disposed of.) 8. Painting Nict Nolay 12.

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No.311 of May 10th repeated for information to United Kingdom Delegation New York, Bagdad, Beirut, Cairo, Damascus, Jedda, B.M. S.O. and Jerusalem.

Palestine truce.

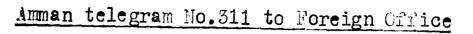
Your telegram No.308 to Jedda.

As neither Azzam or Transjordan authorities were in possession of latest draft truce terms I gave them text in English which I had received from you.

2. After he had studied text, Azzam came to see me and in our discussion seemed inclined in favour of acceptance. He had two doubts. First was about immigration to which he thought reference dangerously vague. Second was about practical difficulty of giving effect to some of the provisions in the absence of a neutral effect to some of the provisions in the absence of a neutr executive force at the disposal of the Truce Commission. He fully appreciated the advantage to the Arabs of accepting when the Jews refused but he feared that if the Jews accepted too the physical difficulties on the Arab side of carrying out some of the provisions might enable the Jews to accuse the Arabs of being truce-breakers. He has now, proceeded to Damascus where a meeting of the Political Committee of the Arab League will be convened to discuss the proposals.

3. This morning King Abdullah and the Prime Minister of Trans-Jordan asked me to discuss draft which they had considered overnight. They asked me to thank you for your advice and to tell you that it was received in the spirit which might be expected from the most moderate of the Arab States. To me they said they were impressed by practical difficulties of giving effect to some of the obligations which the agreement would impose on the Arabs.

4. Both the King and the Prime Minister are anxious for a peaceful solution in Palestine specially in view of pressure which is being brought to bear on them



by other Arab States on the subject of the Arab Legion. There is, I feel sure, no grounds for fear expressed by the Lebanese Frime Finister that the Fing would do anything to prevent acceptance of truce by the Arab Legion.

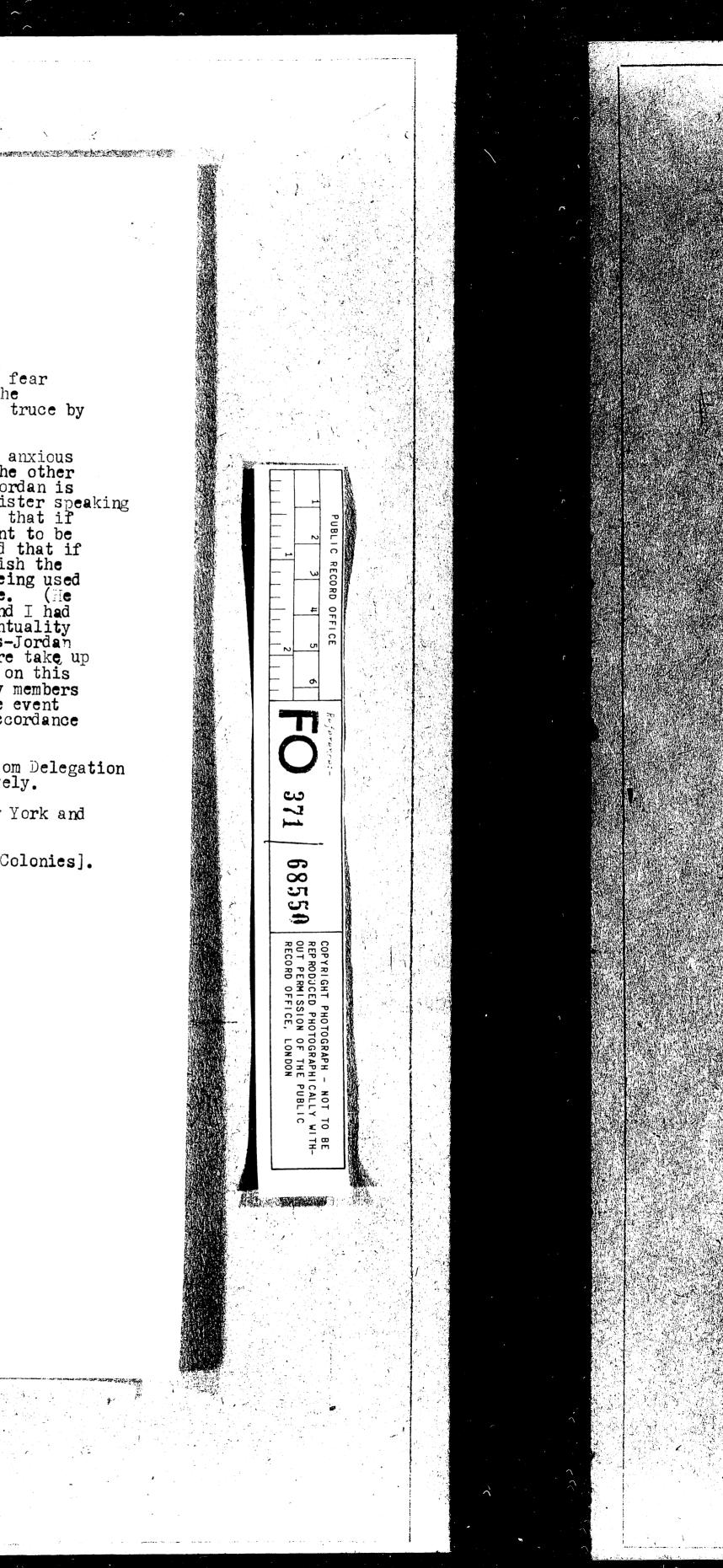
5. It was clear, however, that both were anxious to try and retain freedom of action vis & vis the other Arab States by exploiting the fact that Trans-Jordan is not a member of United Nations. The Prime linister speaking on this subject after we had left the fing said that if the Arab League refused the truce he did not want to be implicated inevitably in a war with the Jews and that if the Arab League accepted the truce he did not wish the Arab League accepted the truce he did not wish the Arab League accepted the truce he did not wish the Arab Legion to be automatically debarred from being used for security purposes in Arab areas of Palestine. (He had thought of the second point independently and I had not mentioned to him the possibility of the eventuality in paragraph 4 of your telegram No.353). Trans-Jordan delegate to the meeting in Damascus may therefore take up the attitude that formal decision of the League on this subject whatever it may be must be taken only by members who are also members of United Nations. In the event Trans-Jordan will no doubt continue to act in accordance with our wishes.

Foreign Office please pass to United Hingdom Delegation and Jedda as myytelegrams Nos. 38 and 36 respectively.

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Your telegram No.311 /c truce7.

I appreciate King Abdullah's desire not to be involved in war with the Jews as a result of Arab League decision to this effect. I also fully understand his wish that the Arab Legion should be able to take part in police action in Palestine even in the event of a truce, but I cannot believe that it is desirable for hin to stand out against a truce for this reason or to use the pretext of non-membership of the United Nations (much as I sympathise with his natural inclination to turn to his own advantage repeated U.V. refusals to admit him). I would hope that if a truce were concluded, means might nevertheless be found to invite him to provide part of his forces for the maintenance of security in Arab areas or to legalise such action if it had taken place prior to the conclusion, of a truce. Article 1 of the Trues jonas seems to provide opportunity for the Inuce Condission to authorise the performance of police functions, and Article 7 also seens to allow the Commission to canction any althout which wight have been wade between Jewish and Arab authorities for the maintenance of public order. There would seem to be nothing necessarily to prevent the inclusion

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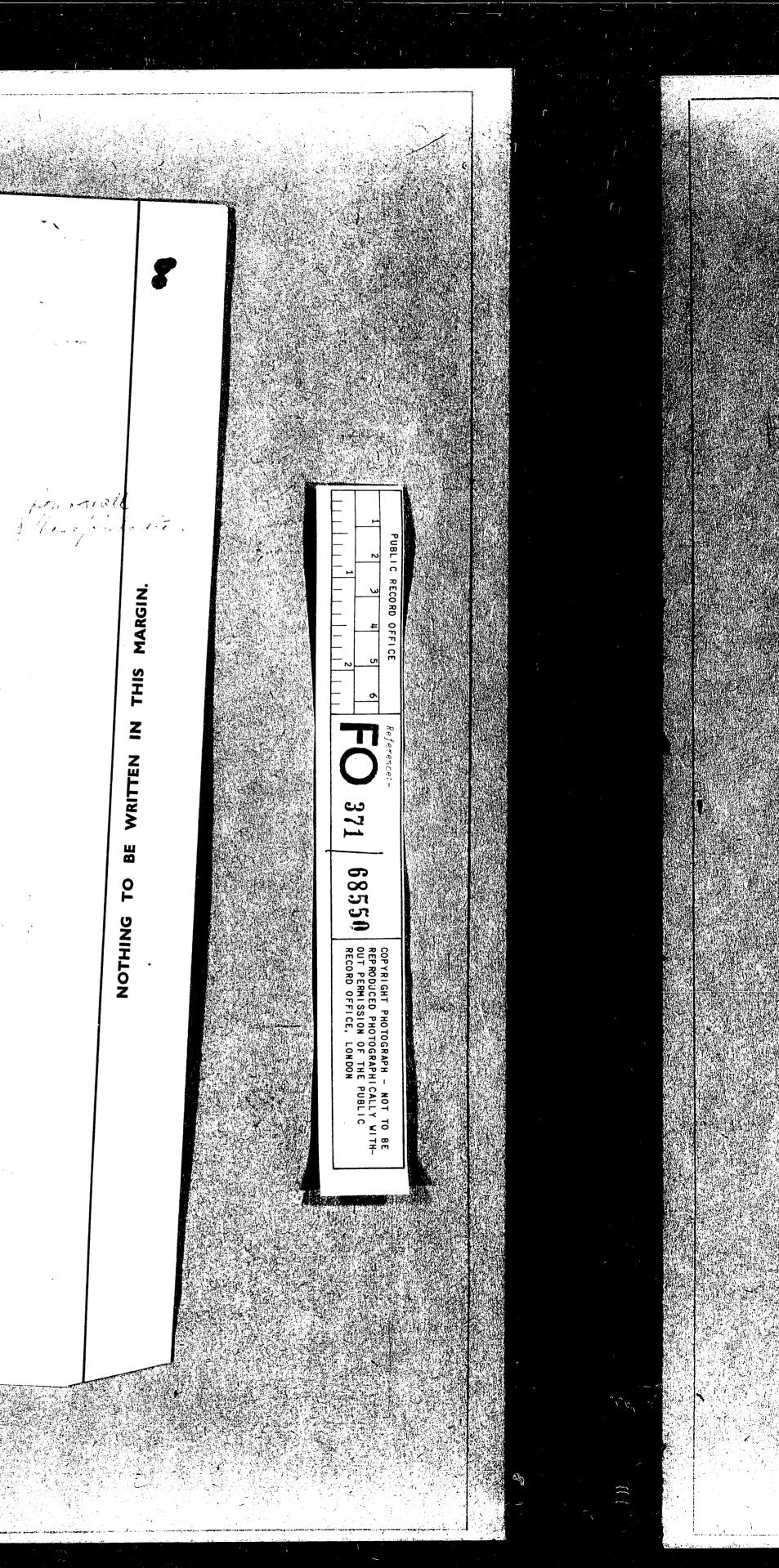
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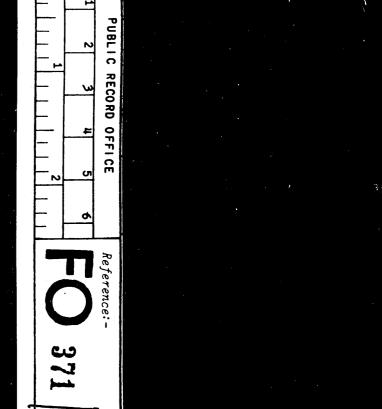
Your telegram No.311 [of May 10th: Palestine truce].

I appreciate King Abdullah's desire not to be involved in war with the Jews as a result of Arab League decision to this effect. I also understand his wish that the Arab Legion should be able to take part in police action in Palestine even in the event of a truce, but I cannot believe that it is desirable for him to stand out against a truce for this reason or to use the pretext of non-membership of the United Nations (much as I sympathise with his natural inclination to turn to his own advantage with his natural inclination to turn to his own advantage repeated United Nations refusals to admit him). I would hope that if a truce were concluded, means might nevertheless be found to invite him to provide part of his forces for the maintenance of security in Arab areas or to legalise such action if it had taken place prior to the conclusion of a truce. It would not fail to us to interpret truce terms but Article I seems to provide apportunity for the of a truce. It would not fall to us to interpret truce terms but Article 1 seems to provide opportunity for the Truce Commission to authorise the performance of police functions, and Article 7 also seems to allow the Commission Jewish and Arab authorities for the maintenance of public order. There would seem to be nothing necessarily to prevent between the Arabs and Jews for functioning of the Arab Legion on police duties inside Palestine. Article 2 would Legion on police duties inside Palestine. Article 2 would presumably not be taken to stand in the way of such action if this was agreed by both Arabs and Jews and by the Truce

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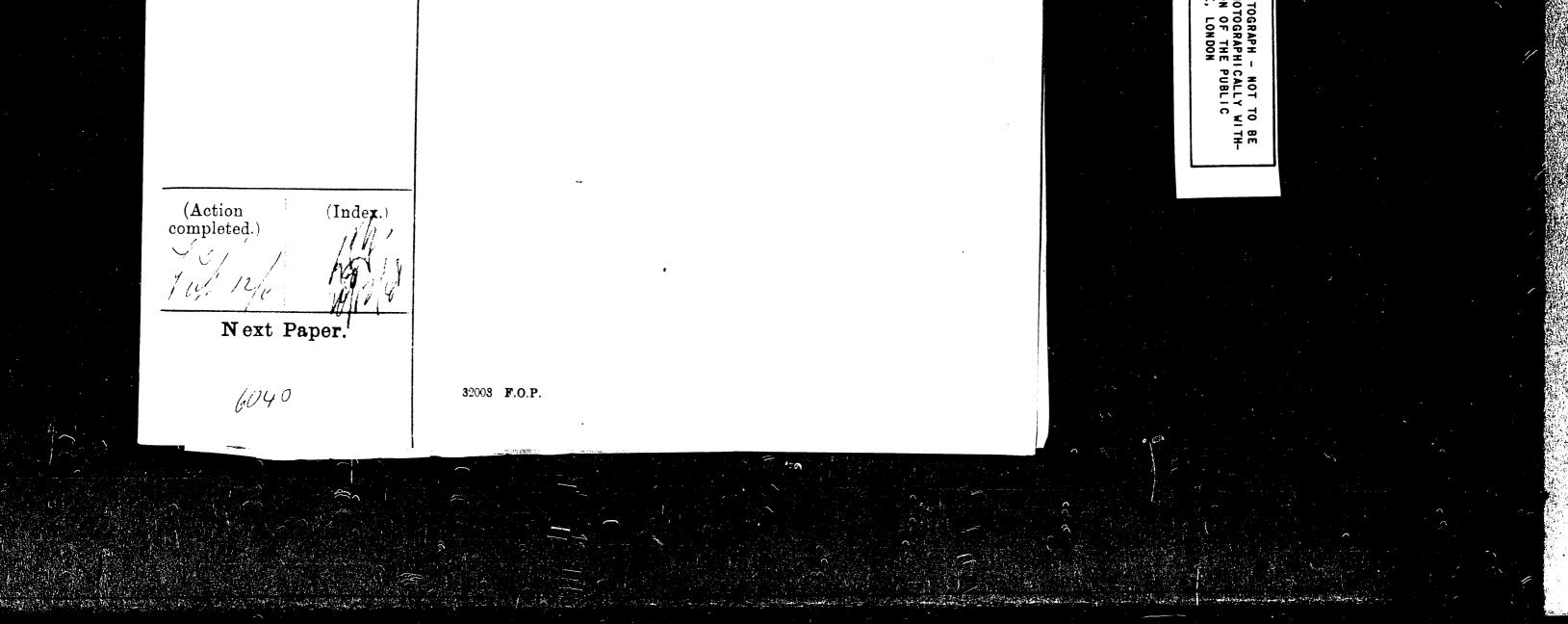
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Addressed to Damascus telegram No. 48 of 10th May, repeated for information to Foreign Office and British Middle Ea t Office Cairo.

High Commission I have received following telegram from [grp undec ? Palestine].

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Azzam left here for Damascus before its arrival.

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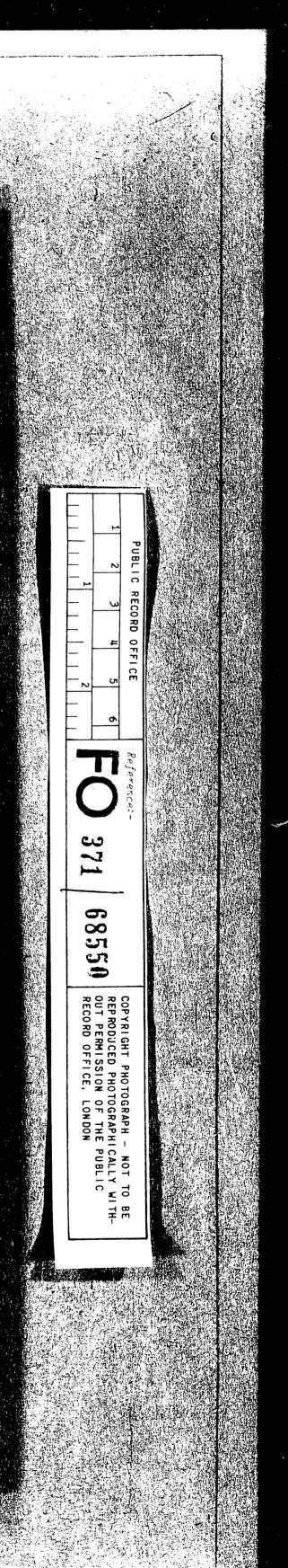
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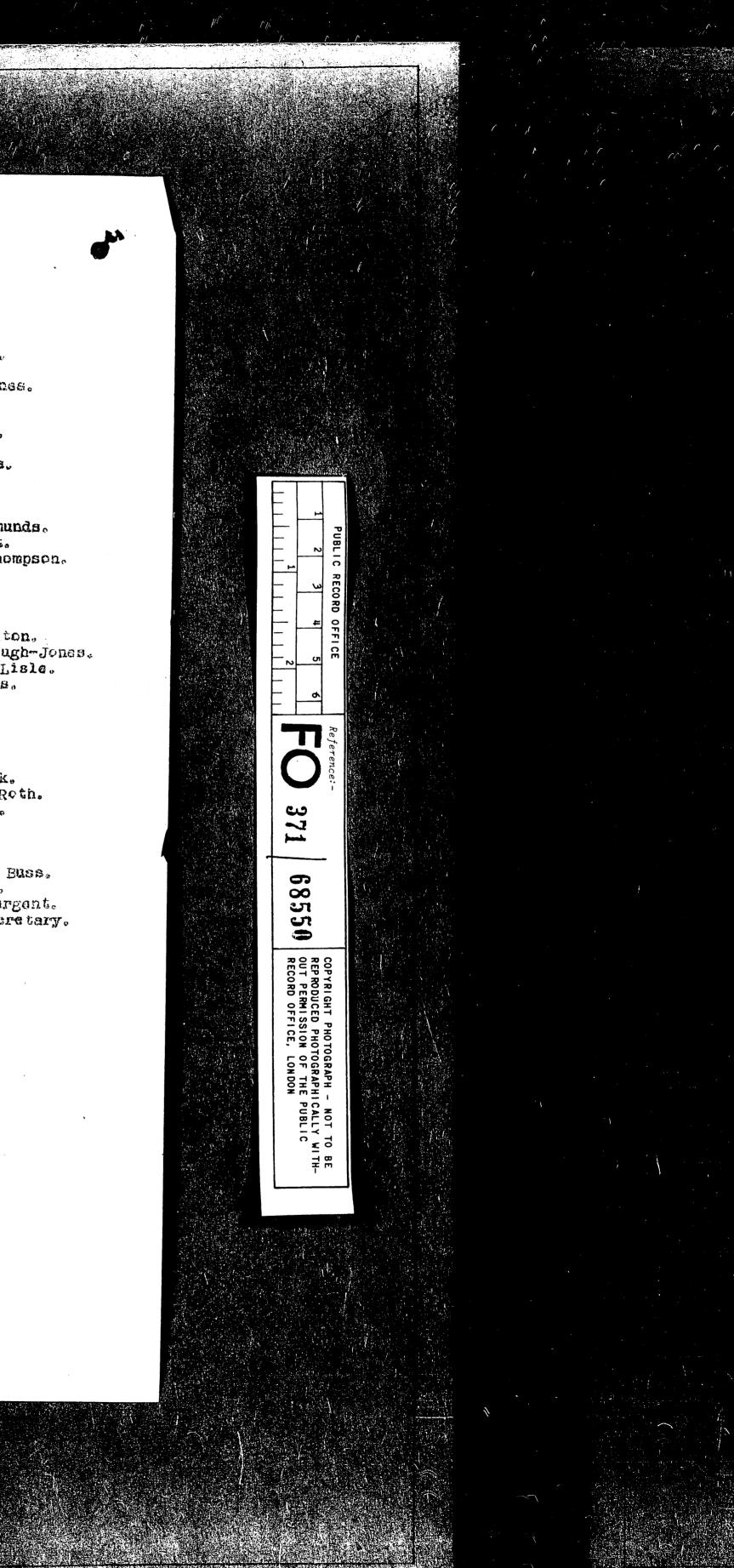
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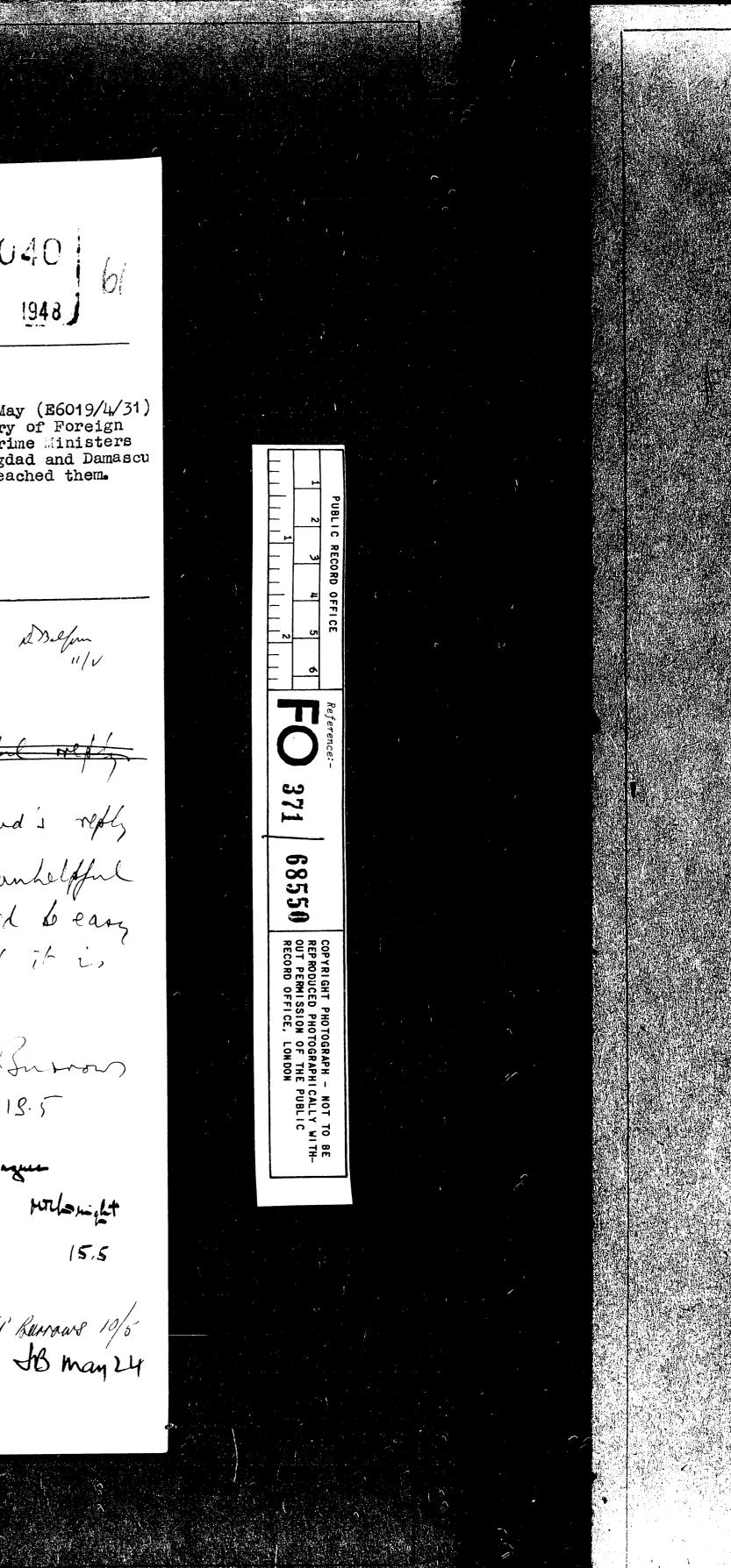
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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 193 of May 10th. repeated for information to Amman, Beirut, Bagdad, Cairo, Damascus, B.M.E.O.Cairo, U.K.Delegation New York and Washington.

My telegrams Nos. 180 and 192 - Palestine.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs have just delivered the following reply from the King adding that as the Prime Ministers of Syria, and Lebanon left Riyadh for Bagdad and Damascus carly on May 9th second message from you cannot have reached them. Summary of message begins:

I much appreciate Mr. Bevin's message and consider that only the British Government can deal with the very grave situation.

Mr. Bevin's opinions are wise. But the situation has gone so far that there are only two courses now possible:

1) Either His Majesty's Government accept responsibility and bring Arabs and Jews together

2) or matters must take their course with consequences which cannot be foreseen.

British Government have successfully undertaken in the past even greater matters than that: for instance leaving India. Discussions with Arabs of Palestine are useless. They are merely awaiting destruction. British Government can settle the matter on a just basis. Otherwise, if they

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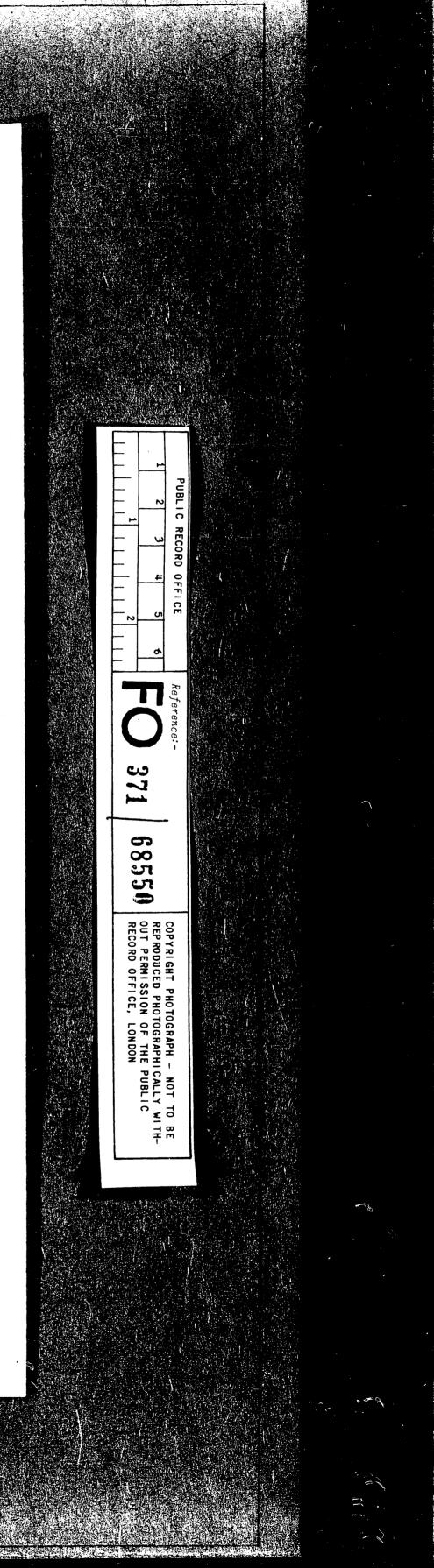
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Dear Burrows,

The message from the king, MX a summary of which I have sent off this morning, has come in just as the Lag is closing. As you know we only have about three quarters of a typist and no stenographer, and anyhow all the staff have been so busy decyphering telegrams etc. for the past few days that all I can do is to type it myself and send it to you. So I enclose it herewith. It bears signs of having been very hastily sent off. The King does not say that he has sent any message to Faisal but it is always possible that he has. The linistry here say that messages betweem the two go direct without being communicated to the Jedda Hinistry at all.

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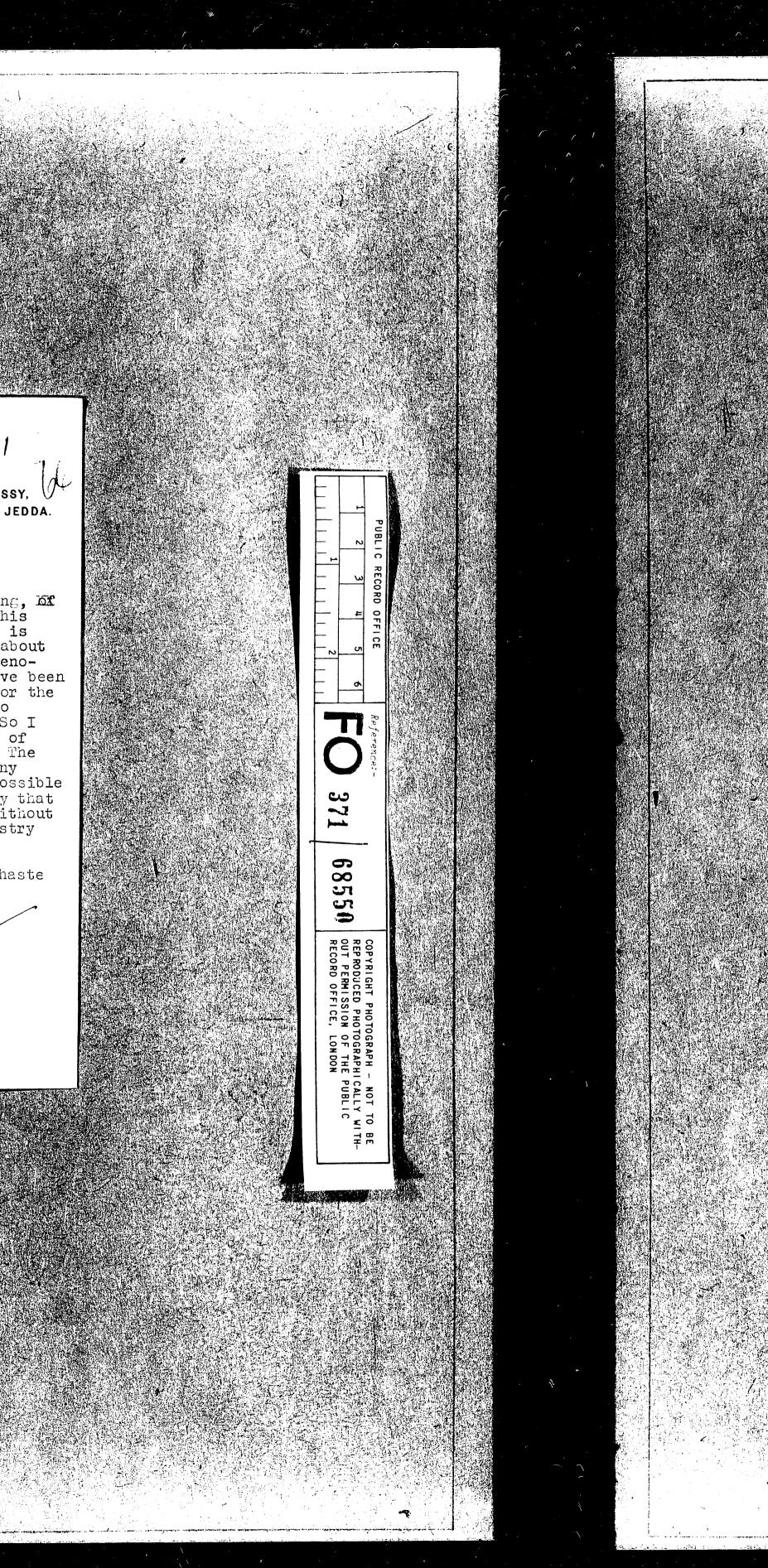
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Cours ever B.A.B.Burrows, Esq., etc etc etc The Foreign Office.



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Translation of text of message received from Hajesty King Ton Saud: communicated by the Saud for Foreign Affairs late on the 9th May.

I thanks Mr. Bevin for his message and for letting me know his opinion, and for taking the trouble to communicate with me on the subject of I should like to say, in view of our mutual frice in the name of humanity, and in my feeling of fur danger, that no one can express an opinion in su matters and undertake such tasks except one who versed in politics. And I do not think that a do what must be done in this question, whether for own interest of for that of his friend, unless in KINGZEZ the British Government.

The opinions expressed by Mr. Bevin are wise of study. But, in the words of the proverb, "Ve is afraid is not comforted when someone says 'Th danger'".

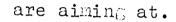
The situation in Palestine has changed in all ways and has gone beyond all bounds. In fact i become well-nigh insoluble. Only two courses an open in dealing with the matter:-

(a) Either the British Government themselves w is necessary, accepting the responsibility, and w a way of bringing the Arabs and Jews together and peace by way of equity and justice, even though t cause them even more trouble than in the past:

(b) or, the rein must just be dropped and matt allowed to take their course: in which case no or what will happen.

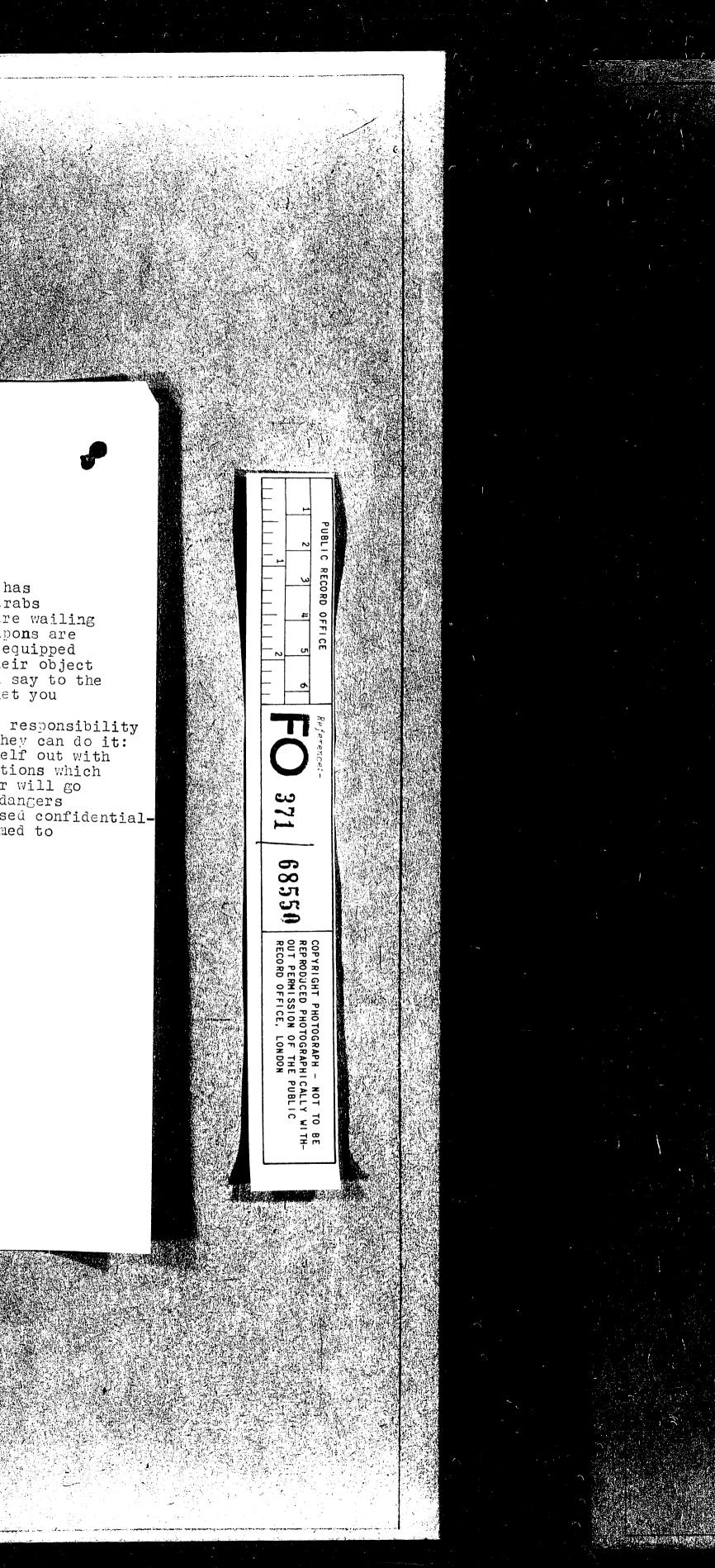
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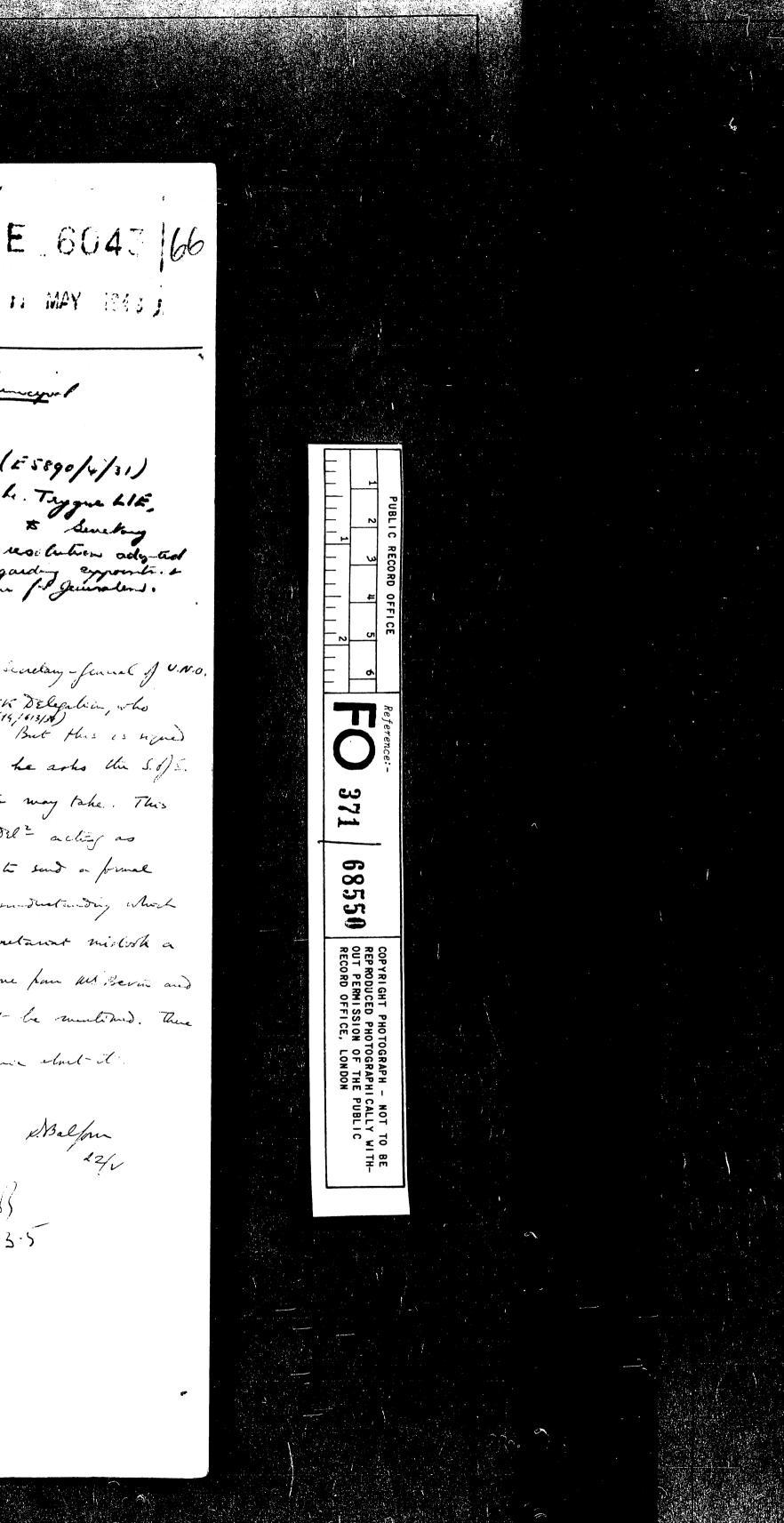


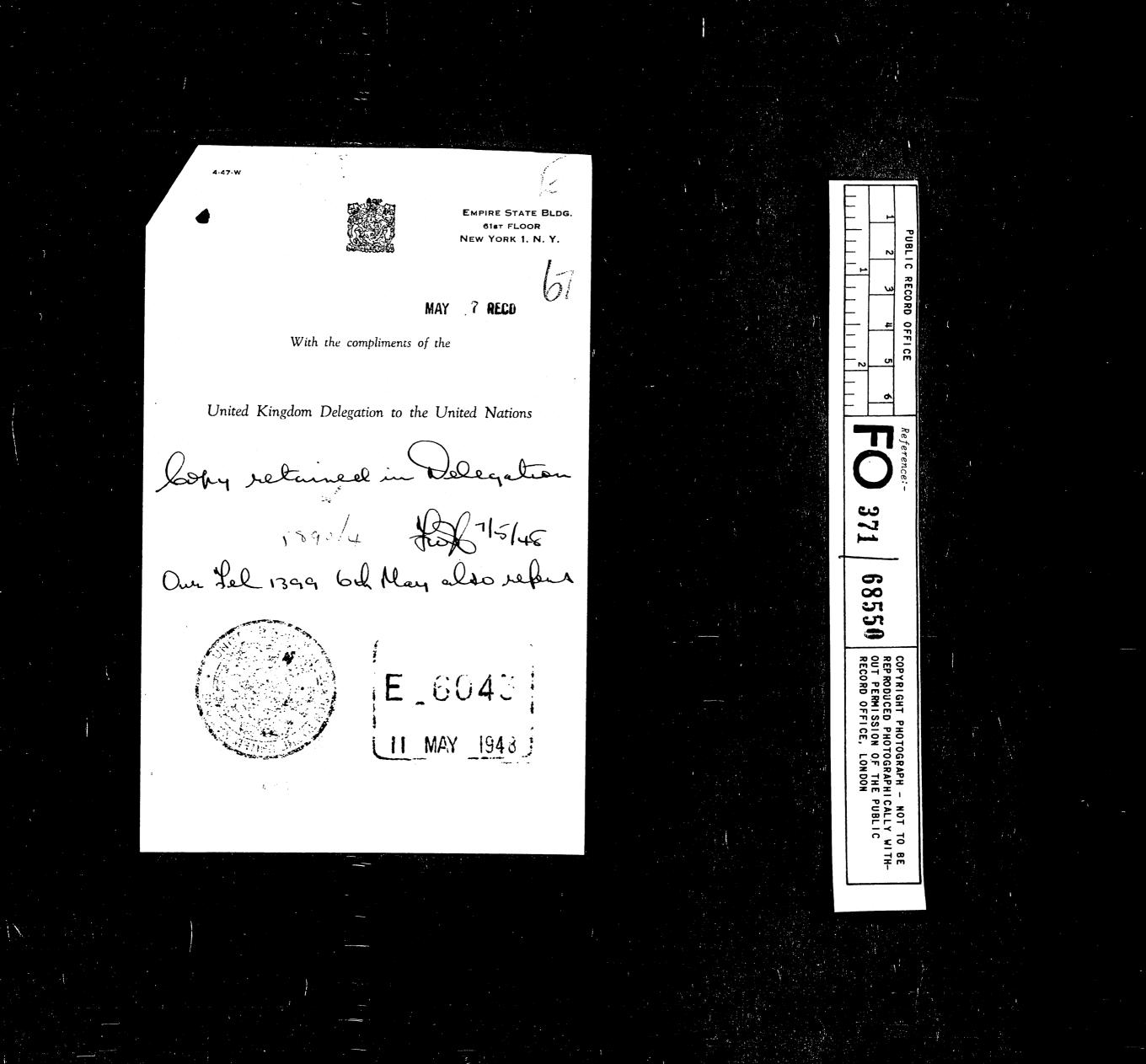
As the Dritish Government know, the matter has reached a great crisis. Discussing with the Arabs (sc. in Palestine ?) is useless, because they are wailing in their houses while bullets and murderous weapons are all round them. The Jews are becoming better equipped and are increasing in strength day by day. Their object is to destroy the Arabs: that being so, who can say to the Arabs "Accept this or that policy and it will get you what you mant."

What you Lant." If the British Government wish to accept the responsibility of settling the matter on a basis of justice, they can do it: or if they wish to leave the matter to work itself out with these discussions, such as a truce on the conditions which have been proposed, or anything else, the matter will go from bad to worse, and no one can prophesy the dangers which will follow. That is my opinion, expressed confidentially and with all the frankness that I am accustomed to use with the pritish Government.



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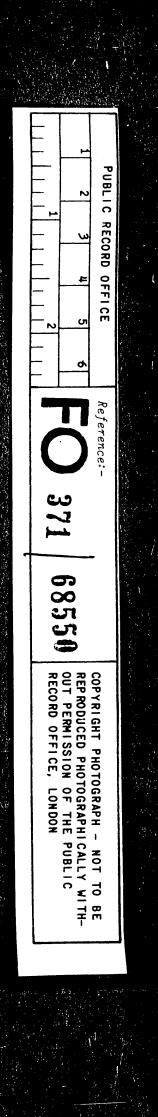
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"THAT the Mandatory Power appoint under Palestine legislation before 15 May 1948 a neutral acceptable to both Arabs and Jews as Special Municipal Commissioner, who shall, with the cooperation of the community committees already existing in Jerusalem, carry out the functions hitherto performed by the Municipal Commission."

This resolution was adopted by the General Assembly pursuant to its consideration of the report of the Trusteeship Council on the protection of the City of Jerusalem and its inhabitants, in which the Trusteeship Council reported that

The Right Honourable Ernest Bevin, M.P., The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Office, Downing Street, London, S.W. 1, England.

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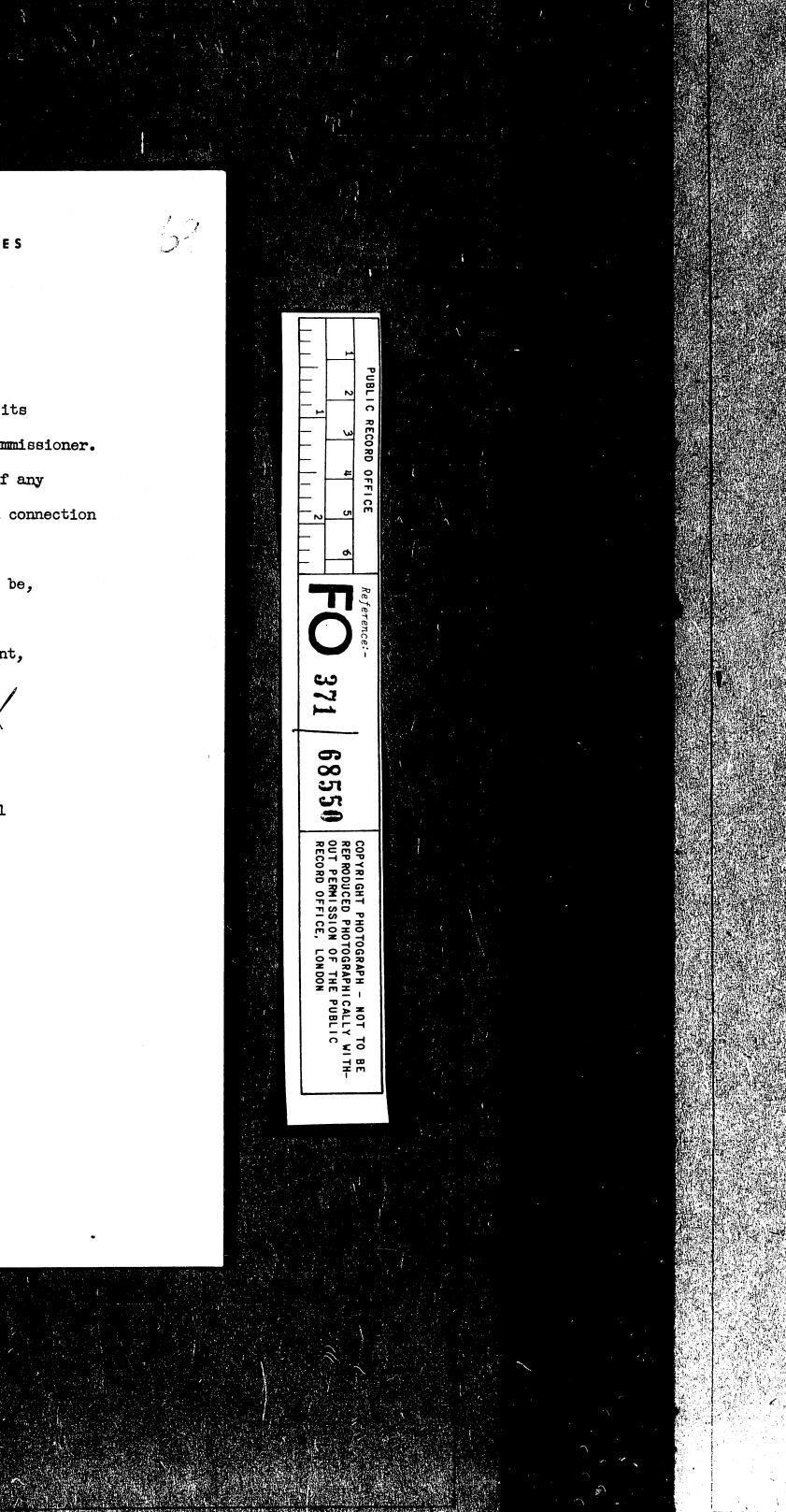
the Mandatory Power had informed the Council of its willingness to appoint such Special Municipal Commissioner. I shall be grateful if you will inform me of any steps which His Majesty's Government may take in connection with the above recommendation.

I have the honour to be,

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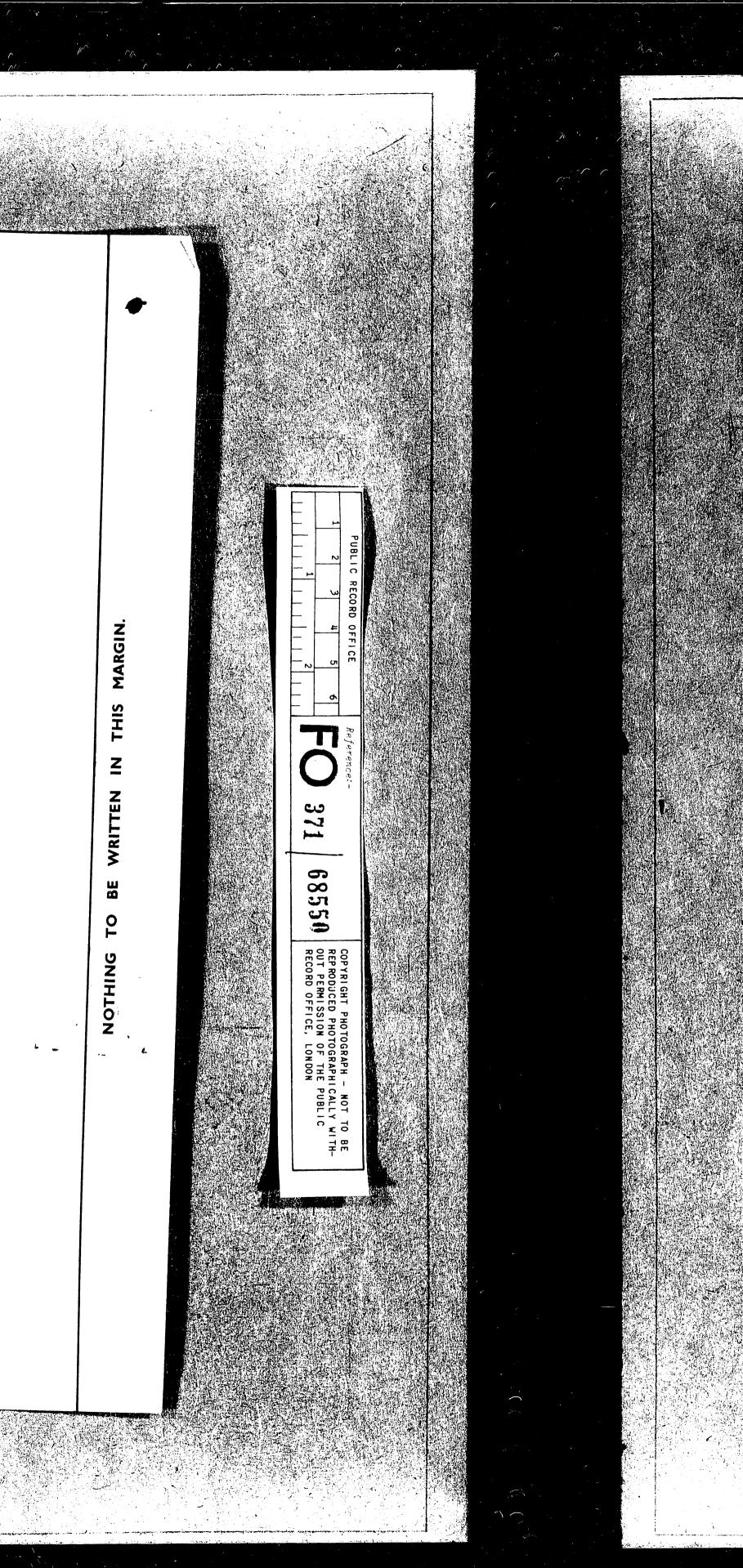
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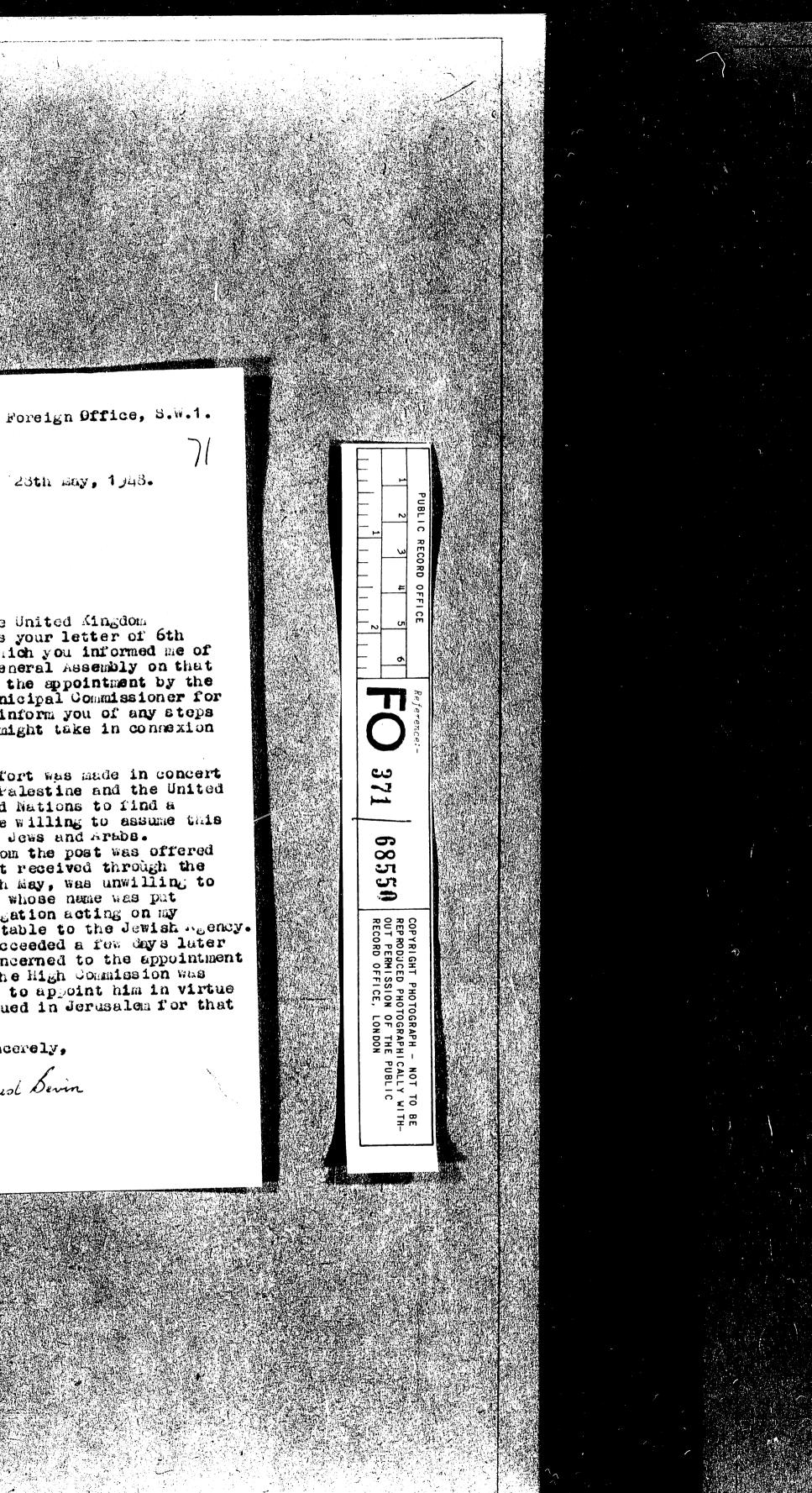
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No. E 6043/4/31

Dear mr. Lie,

I have received through the United Kingdom Delegation to the United Nations your letter of 6th May (reference 48/1713/DB) by which you informed me of the resolution adopted by the General Assembly on that date, recommending, inter alia, the appointment by the Mandatory Power of a Special Municipal Commissioner for Jerusalem, and requested me to inform you of any steps which his Majesty's Government might take in connexion with that recommendation.

As you are sware, every effort was made in concert with the high Commissioner for Falestine and the United Kingdom Delegation to the United Nations to find a suitable candidate, who would be willing to assume this function and acceptable to both Jews and Arabs. Unfortunately ar. Clarke, to whom the post was offered here in response to your request received through the United Kinsdom Delegation on 8th May, was unwilling to accept it; while wir Hugh Dow, whose name was put forwared on 9th May by the Delegation acting on my instructions, was found unacceptable to the Jewish meency. I am glad, however, that you succeeded a few days later in securing agreement of all concerned to the appointment of Mr. Harold Evans, and that the High Commission was able, before he left Falestine, to appoint him in virtue of the regulation specially issued in Jerusalen for that purpose.

Yoars sincerely,

(Signed) Ernest Devin

Mr. Trygve Lie, United Nations, Lake Success, New York.

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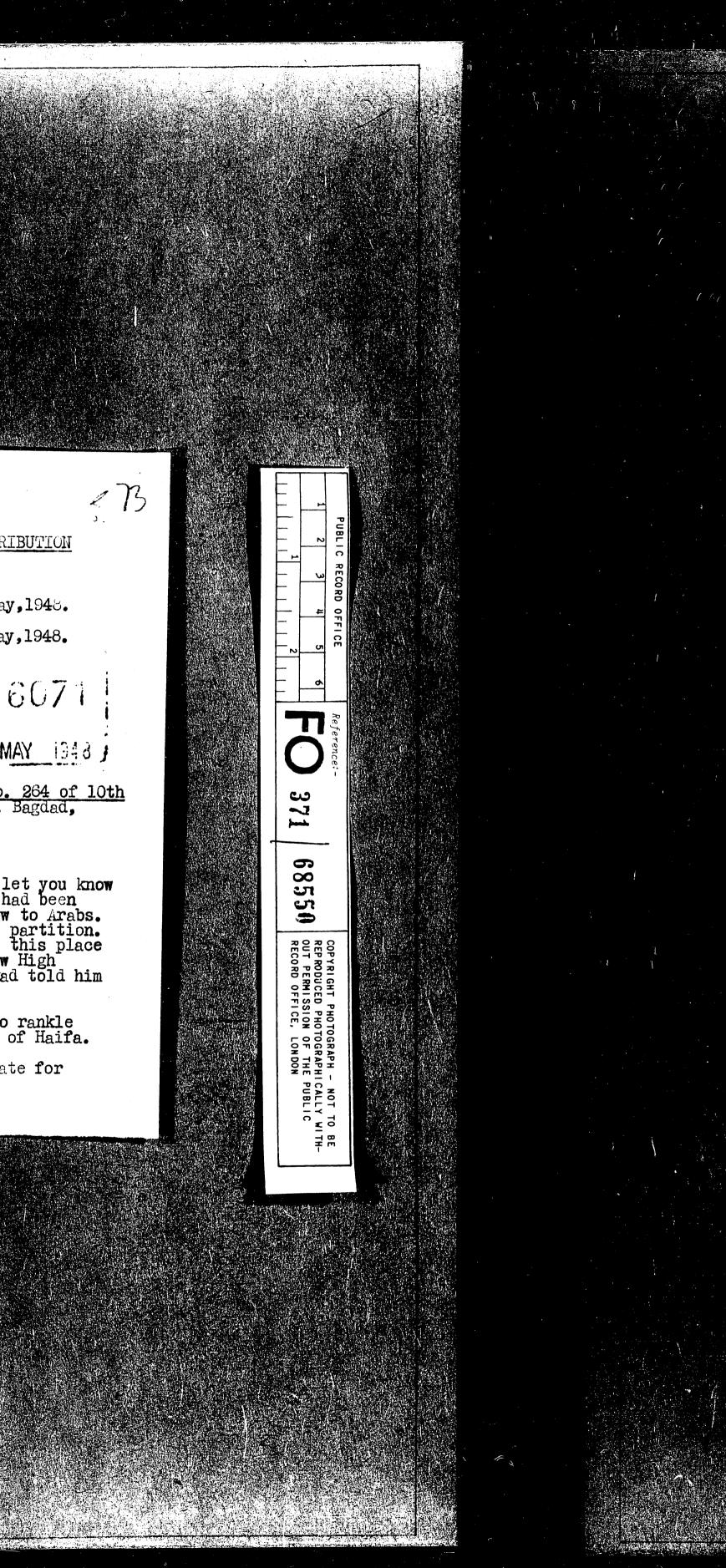
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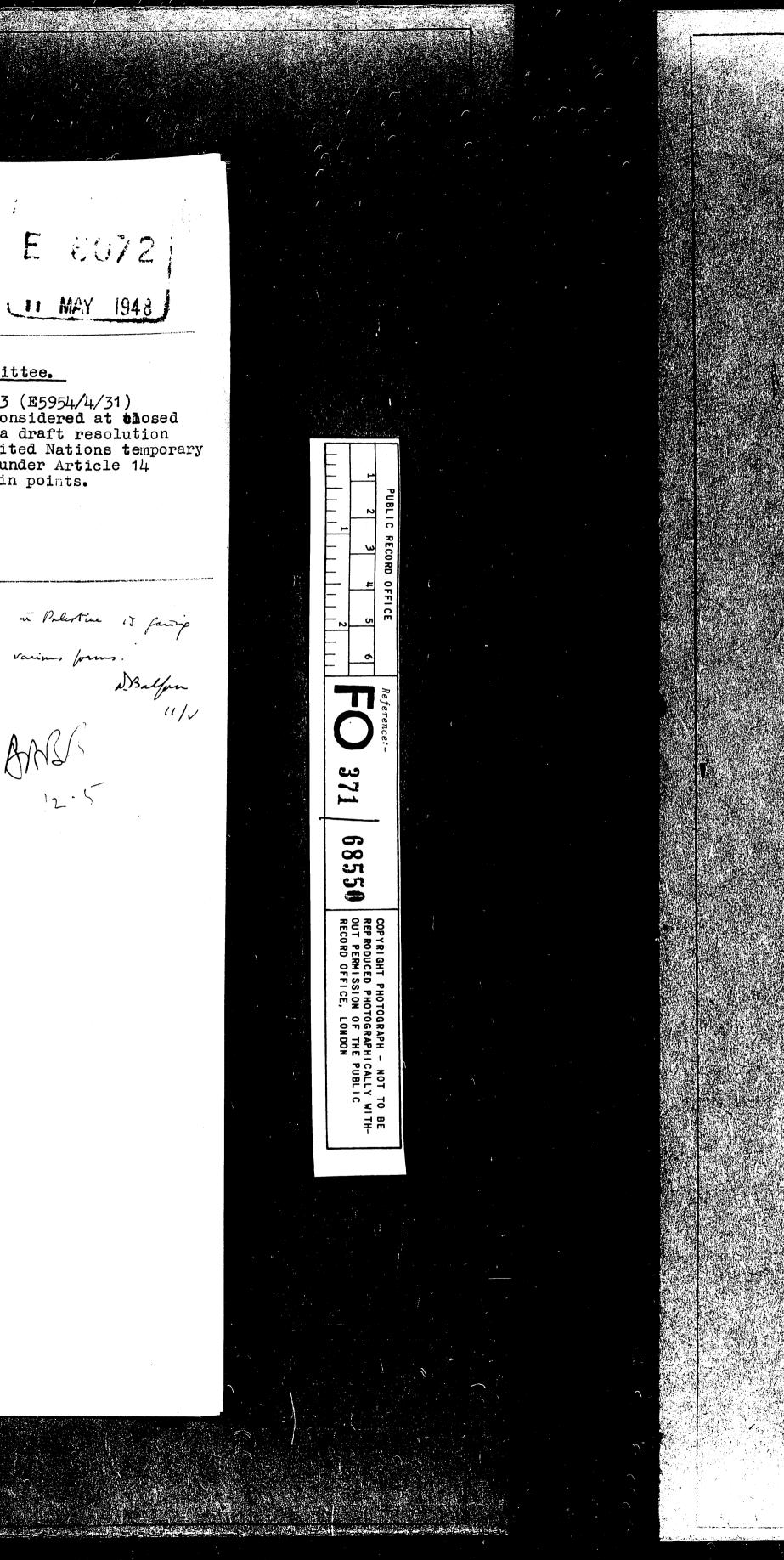
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2. I fear that the fate of Safad is going to rankle although I hope in a lesser degree than that of Haifa.

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697 E PALESTINE Sub-Committee of First Committee. Registry Number E6072/4/31 Refers New York telegram No, 1433 (E5954/4/31) Rapporteur's working paper was considered at thosed session. Paper took the form of a draft resolution proposing the setting up of a United Nations temporary central Commission in Palestine under Article 14 of the charter. Gives list of main points. TELEGRAM FROM United Kingdom Delegation NEW YORA 1455 No. Dated Received 10th May 11th " in Registry The stree of some out of UN commission from prevally, though proposed under various forms. Dalfor 11/1 Last Paper. 6071 References. (Print.) (How disposed of.) 8 Paliching Nut May 17 (hopping & Borss) (Action completed. Index. Next Paper. 6075 32003 F.O.P.



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Palestine sub-committee of First Committee.

My telegram No. 1433. $(\Gamma \eta) = /4$

Rapporteur's working paper was considered at to-day's closed session. Paper took the form of a draft resolution proposing the setting up of a United Nations temporary central commission in Palestine under Article 14 of the Charter. Main points are as follows:

(1) Arabs and Jews to agree on a truce.

(2) Commission to consist of members of Truce Commission together with Municipal Commissioner of Jerusalem, Lisicky and possibly others.

(3) Commission to act as custodians of the assets of the Government of Palestine subject to agreement of Arabs and Jews.

(4) Commission to continue and maintain central services subject to agreement with Arabs and Jews.

(5) Commission to represent Palestine in international matters.

(6) General Assembly to consider "peaceful adjustment of the situation in Palestine" at the 3rd regular session in September.

2. U.S.S.R. and Poland raised procedural objections to discussion of paper contending that as it was in the form of a draft resolution it must be submitted by a particular delegation. Chairman ruled that it should be discussed as a "working paper".

3. During the discussion the following views were expressed:

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(1) Gustemala. On termination of Mandate Palestine will become one or two independent States. United Nations will have no (repeat no) legal right to impose any Government on Palestine and should confine itself to providing a Co-ordinating Commission to mediate between the two new States and assist them to maintain common services. The only legal basis for any United Nations Government would be a trusteeship arrangement but this was now impossible

> (1) Because of the shortness of time, and

(II) Because neither party would accept it.

(2) France. Proposed Commission should not (repeat not) attempt to administer central services but should provide experts to enable Arabs and Jews to do so.

(3) United States of America. Queried legal basis of proposed Commission and enquired if Article 14 was sufficient for this purpose.

(4) Cuba. Condemned resolution of November 29th 1947, as illegal and contended that trusteeship arrangement was the only legal possibility and then only if decided upon before the 15th May. Termination of Mandate on 15th May would make it impossible for trusteeship agreement to be drawn up after that date.

(5) China. Referred to recommendation in working paper that both parties agree to a truce but pointed out that if this was to be effective it would have to be a political truce which would prevent the declaration of independent States on the 16th May. Doubtful whether parties would accept this. Also pointed out that proposed commission would be responsible to General Assembly which he hoped would be in recess during critical period of three months after termination of Mandate. Suggested supervision by Security Council.

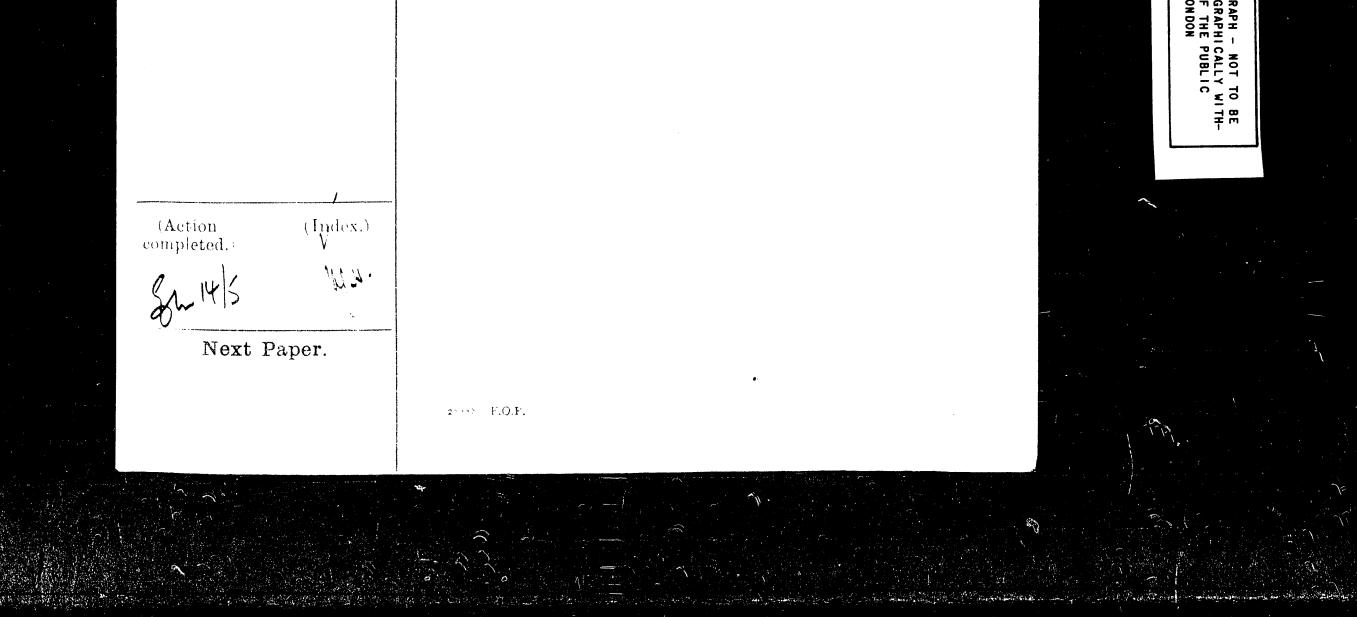
(6) Poland. Urged abandonment of Trusteeship and confining functions of Commission to mediation between Arab and Jewish States after 15th May.

4. Sub-Committee will meet again on 11th May.

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Addressed Foreign Office No. 1432 May 8th repeated for information to Washington.

Following for Secretary of State from Colonial Secretary.

I was most grateful to have your telegrams Nos. 1828 and 1845.

2. My statement to the First Committee last Monday May 3rd, was generally well received in both the Committee and the New York press as a helpful and constructive move notwithstanding the fact that I had been careful to put forward my ideas in a tentative and indefinite way. This reception seems to me in itself to indicate the general feeling of helplessness among delegations and their willing-ness to grasp at any straw as May 15th approaches.

3. The United States Delegation quickly took up the line offered (which is of course acceptable in so far as it does not necessarily involve jettisoning the idea of trusteeship) and after consulting us informally they put the Cubans up to submitting to the First Committee a resolution proposing reference to a sub-committee of the problem of formulating a provisional régime for Palestine (our telegram No. 1370).

4. Since then there have been private consultations mostly unofficial between ourselves, the Canadian and United States Delegations (both members of the sub-committee) with a view to framing a draft resolution to establish interim caretaker arrangements in Palestine on the lines I have suggested. The sub-committee held two meetings this week to discuss their procedure and yesterday afternoon I attended a further meeting at which I developed my ideas and answered questions (see my telegram No. 1424). It was evident that in spite of the further explanations I had given in the First Committee many delegations failed to appreciate the empirical and gradually evolving nature of the interim arrangements and had in mind and continued to think in terms of a hard and fast scheme. In particular they seemed to hanker after concrete plans designed to deal with the substantial problems at issue, e.g. immigration, but I think that at this meeting I succeeded in making it clear that my aim was to leave aside such thorny problems at this stage

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and to offer a means of maintaining a minimum continuity in Palestine until the situation there clarified itself.

5. Canadians are maintaining the closest contact with us in connexion with their work on the sub-committee; they are fully conversant with our point of view and while they do not wish to take a prominent part in putting forward resolutions they are co-operating to the maximum in steering the sub-committee's deliberations in the right direction. General McNaughton has been especially helpful,

6. So far as I can judge at this stage there is a fair chance of a satisfactory proposal emerging into the First Committee and being carried, although of course there is still some uncertainty as to the line the American delegation will take. As regards the Dominions I have done my best to explain the ideas underlying my statement to the New Zealand, Australian and South African delegates but with what appears to be limited success in the case of the two former. Both Berendsen and Hood seem to be still under instructions from their Governments to back partition and Berendsen in particular is inclined to harp on enforcement of the November 29th resolution and seems to find it difficult to appreciate the realities of the situation.

7. The report of the Trusteeship Council notifying the cease-fire order in the Old City of Jerusalem and the efforts to maintain municipal services by appointing a chairman of the Runicipal Commission was endorsed by the Plenary Assembly (our telegram No. 1398) but a feeling of disappointment was evident at the meagre results of the Council's efforts. Nevertheless the resolution represented the maximum of achievement consistent with the acquiescence of Jews and Arabs. The Assembly referred to the First Committee the question of how to strengthen law and order in Jerusalem, including the French proposal that a special United Nations delegate be sent out for this purpose (my telegram No. 1400). telegram No. 1400).

8. To complete the picture here I should add that at the meeting on Thursday (reported separately to you in our telegram No. 1403) the United States delegation indicated that their secret truce negotiations are on the verge of final breakdown, the Arabs remaining intransigent on immigration and the Jews on the proclamation of their State. A possible basis of agreement on immigration was discussed at the meeting but as regards the Jewish State I am sure that it will prove completely impracticable to devise any formula acceptable to the Jews which (a) would be agreed to by the Arabs; (b) would maintain strict "neutrality" in relation to the partition plan of November 29th. The latter condition is essential both to the success of the interim régime upon which the sub-committee is now working and (which is perhaps more important) from the point of view of safeguarding the position so far as possible if the Security Council is confronted after May 15th with the question of a breach of the peace in Palestine.

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At this meeting

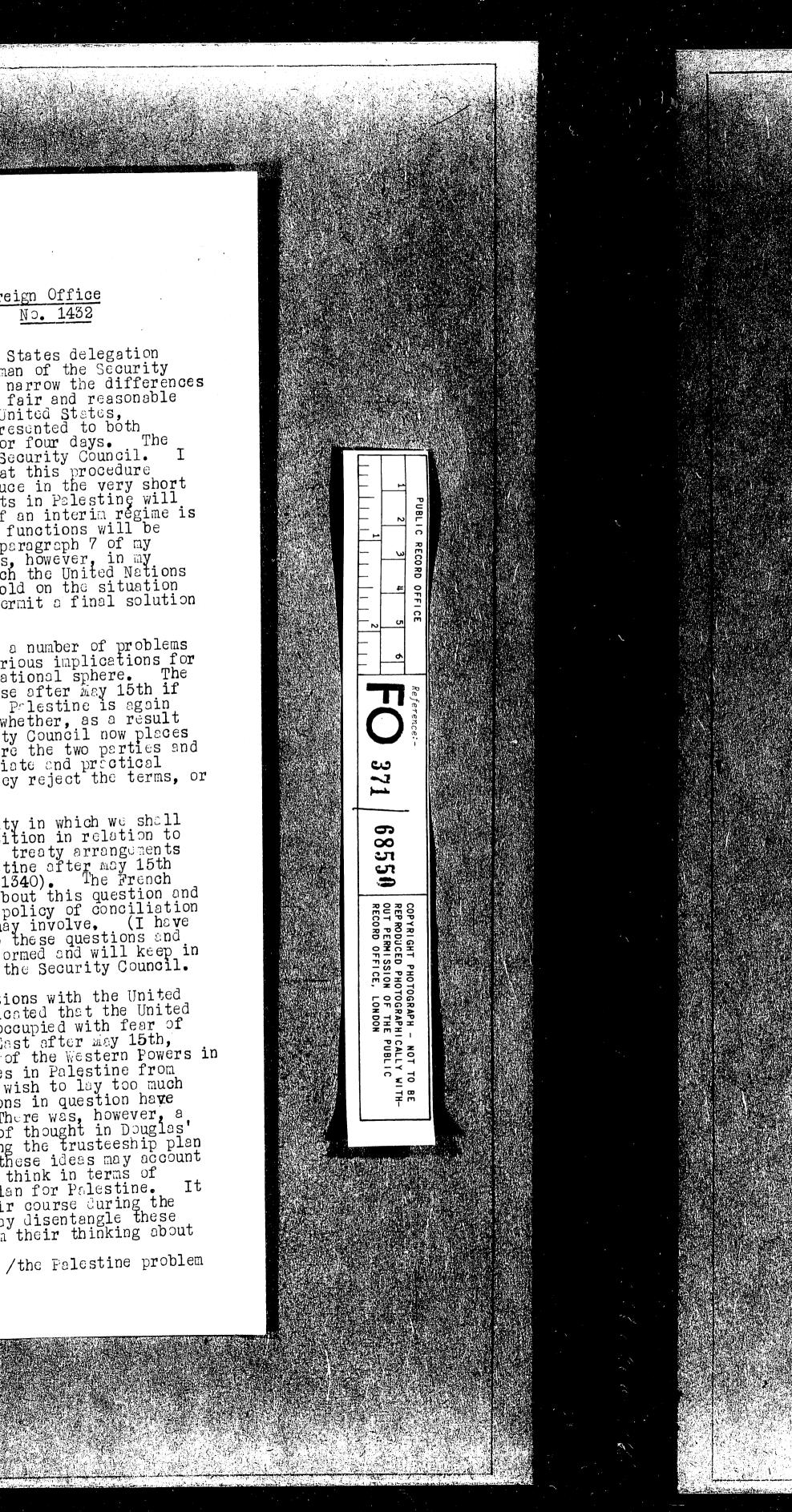
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9. At this meeting the United States delegation proposed that after the French chairman of the Security Council has made a further effort to narrow the differences between Jews and Arabs on the truce, fair and reasonable terms should be decided upon by the United States, French, Bolgians and ourselves and presented to both parties for acceptance within three or four days. The result will then be reported to the Security Council. I am afraid that I have no optimism that this procedure offers any hope of agreement on a truce in the very short orrers any nope or agreement on a truce in the very short time remaining. From May 15th events in Palestine will probably take their own course and if an interim regime is set up by the Assembly its immediate functions will be strictly limited as foreshadowed in paragraph 7 of my telegram No. 1340. Such a regime is, however, in my view the only practical means by which the United Nations can save face and hope to keep any hold on the situation as it develops until circuastances permit a final solution in Palestine.

10. Finally there are signs of a number of problems emerging here which have the most serious implications for the United Kingdom in a wider international sphere. The first is the situation likely to arise after May 15th if the question of maintaining peace in Polestine is again raised before the Security Council, whether, as a result of the American proposal, the Security Council now places fair and reasonable truce terms before the two parties and takes whatever action may be appropriate and proctical against either or both parties if they reject the terms, or as a result of any other approach.

11. The second is the difficulty in which we shall find ourselves in explaining our position in relation to Transjordan, the Arab Legion and our treaty arrangements with Abdullah if he moves into Palestine after may 15th (see paragraph 1 of my telegran No. 1340). The French delegate is particularly concerned about this question and the possible difficulties which any policy of conciliation decided on by the Security Council may involve. (I have told him that you are fully alive to these questions and that our delegation will be kept informed and will keep in close touch with him as chairman of the Security Council.

Thirdly informal conversations with the United 12. Thirdly informal conversations with the United States Delegation recently have indicated that the United States is becoming increasingly preoccupied with fear of Russian infiltration in the Hiddle East after May 15th, and with ideas of dispersing forces of the Western Powers in that area to seal off any hostilities in Palestine from Russian infiltration. I would not wish to lay too much stress on this since the conversations in question have stress on this since the conversations in question have stress on this since the conversations in question have been principally at a low level. There was, however, a strong indication of the same line of thought in Douglas' first approach to you about enforcing the trusteeship plan and I feel that preoccupation with these ideas may account for the United States continuing to think in terms of and I leer that preoccupation with these locas may account for the United States continuing to think in terms of "enforcing" a truce or some other plan for Palestine. It is possible that as events take their course during the next week or so the United States may disentangle these purely strategic considerations from their thinking about



From New York Delegation to Foreign Office No. 1432 -4the Palestine problem per se. As regards the latter it seems that they may wish to combine their [grp. undec. ?idea] of trusteeship for Palestine with the less ambitious proposals I have myself put forward for dealing with the situation between Arabs and Jews in Palestine itself. They attach importance to Trusteeship on the ground that it would give them the necessary legal cover for any measures necessary to safeguard Falestine from Russian infiltration and they might then raise with us the question of the provision of forces from the standpoint of Anglo-American strategic interests in the Middle East. These wider views are now coming more and more to the forefront in this problem which I have necessarily been handling hitherto primarily from the standpoint of the Mandate and its termination and I do not myself feel competent to enlarge upon them. I feel bound, however, to bring them to your notice as you will wish to ensure that they are foreseen and tackled by your department and by the delegation here. 13. In general I feel that my work here has now been largely completed. Those remaining in the delegation are fully able to steer matters further and having given the best lead we could in the circumstances it is perhaps desirable that we should retire rather more into the background from now on. I am therefore leaving to-day in the "Queen Mery". 371 68550 COPYR REPRO RECOR NIGHT PHOTOGRAPH - NOT TO DUCED PHOTOGRAPHICALLY W PERMISSION OF THE PUBLIC ND OFFICE, LONDON

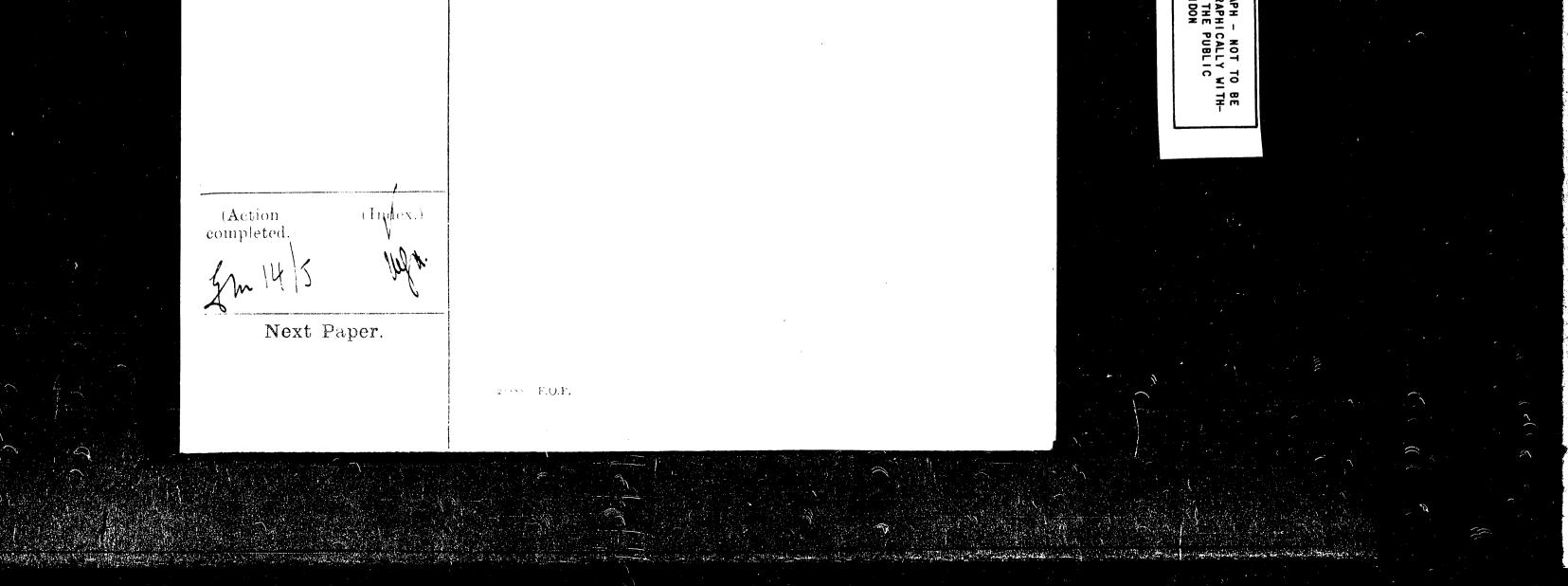
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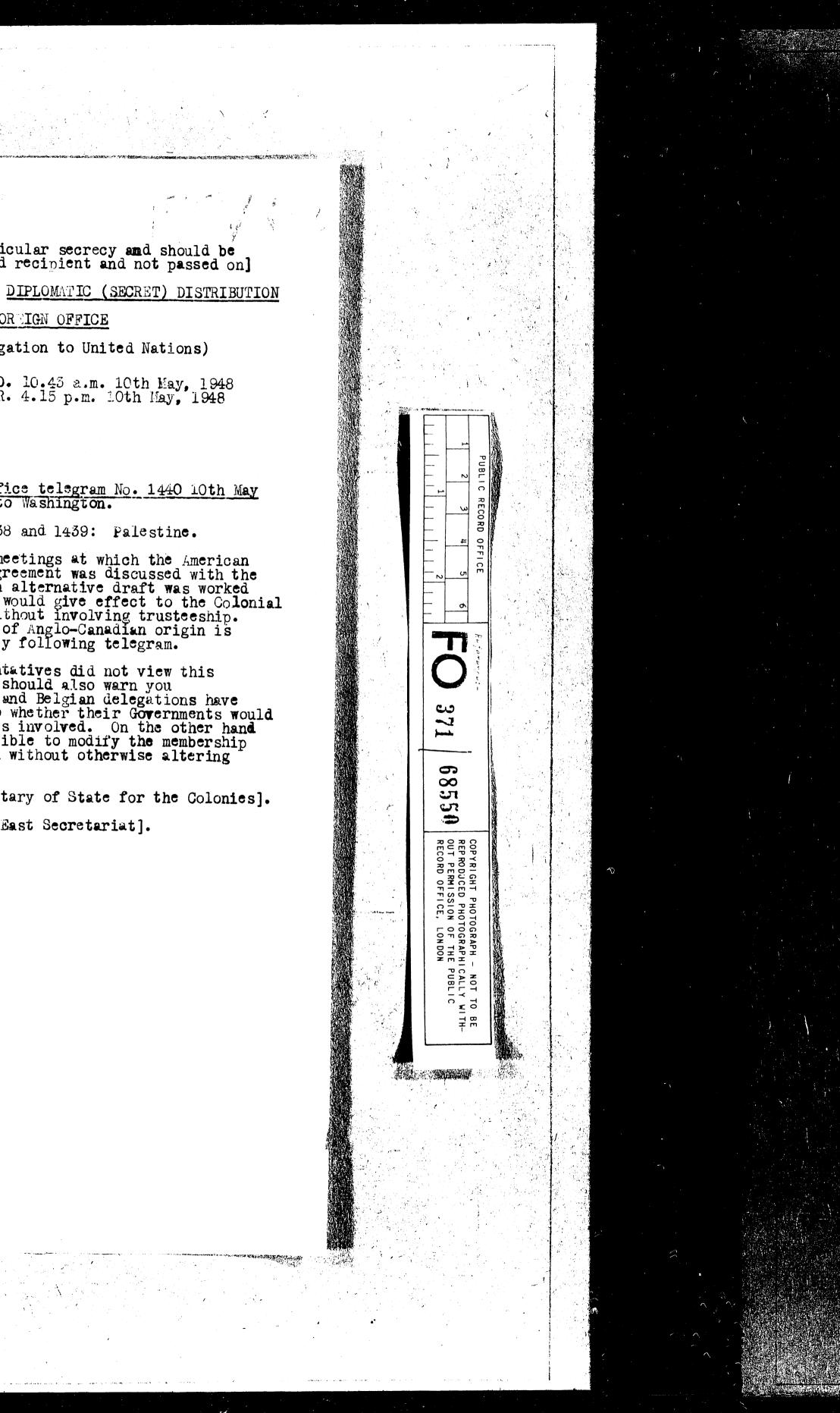
During the informal meetings at which the American draft for a trusteeship agreement was discussed with the Canadians and ourselves an alternative draft was worked out of a resolution which would give effect to the Colonial Secretary's suggestions without involving trusteeship. This text which is mainly of Anglo-Canadian origin is contained in my immediately following telegram.

2. American representatives did not view this draft with enthusiasm. I should also warn you that the American, French and Belgian delegations have all expressed doubts as to whether their Governments would accept the responsibilities involved. On the other hand it would of course be possible to modify the membership of the proposed commission without otherwise altering the draft.

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 1438 of 10th May, repeated to Washington.

My telegram No. 1425.

My immediately preceding telegram contains present text, which is still subject to revision of the simplified trusteeship agreement which United States delegation now have in mind.

2. You will notice that there is no provision in this text under which forces would be available to counter any attempt by the Soviet Union to exploit the situation in Palestine. With this object in view, the Americans are considering the insertion of an Article designating certain Governments (their first choice being United States France and the United Kingdom) to render "Advice and assistance" to the High Commissioner.

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My immediately preceding telegram.

Following is text.

Preamble.

Whereas the United Kingdom as Mandatory Power will cease to exercise authority over Palestine on May 15th 1948 : and

Whereas the maintenance and furtherance of international peace and security require that the United Nations should as a matter of emergency exercise temporary authority in Palestine; and

Whereas Chapter XII of the Charter authorises the United Nations to exercise such temporary authority;

Now therefore the General Assembly of the United Nations without prejudice to the ultimate political settlement, decides that temporary authority in Palestine shall, from May 15th,1948 be exercised in accordance with the following nrticles:

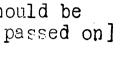
Article 2.

The administering authority shall exercise such powers of administration legislation, and jurisdiction over Palestine as are set forth in these articles and as may be subsequently determined to be necessary by the Trusteeship Council.

Article 3.

A High Commissioner for Palestine shall be appointed by the Trusteeship Council and be subject to it in the exercise of his duties.

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The High Commissioner shall encourage local or community authorities in such a way as to secure their maximum co-operation. He shall use his good offices to arrange for the operation of such common services as may be agreed upon by the principal communities,

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article 4.

The High Commissioner is empowered to exercise the right of the administering authority to organise and make use of locally recruited police and volunteer forces.

irticle 6.

The High Commissioner shall co-operate with the Truce Commission for Palestine appointed by the Security Council on 23rd april 1948 and shall give it every possible assistance in carrying out the truce resolution adopted by the Security Council on 17th april 1948 and any further truce arrangements concluded by the Truce Commission or otherwise under the authority of the United Nations. In connexion with his duties under this article the High Commissioner may communicate with the Security Council through the Secretary General.

Article 7.

The High Commissioner shall use his best endeavours to mediate between the principal communities in Palestine with the object of arriving at agreement on the future government of Palestine.

irticle 8.

The expenses of the Government of Palestine shall be defrayed from the revenues of Palestine, supplemented, when deemed necessary by the Trusteeship Council, by funds provided by the United Nations either through subsidies or through loans repayable from future revenues of Palestine.

nrticle 9.

The special Municipal Commissioner for the city of Jerusalem appointed in accordance with the recommendation of the General Assebuly of 6th May 1948 shall continue to exercise his functions under the authority of the United Nations High Commissioner.

Article 10.

The High Commissioner shall use his best endeavours in co-operation with communities and authorities concerned to assure the protection of the Holy Places, religious buildings and sites in Palestine.

Article 11./....



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Article 11.

The High Commissioner may, with a view to the promotion of the welfare of the inhabitants of Palestine, invite the assistance and co-operation of appropriate specialised agencies of the United Nations such as the forld Health Organisation, of the International Red Cross, and of other governmental or non-governmental organisations of a humanitarian and non-political character.

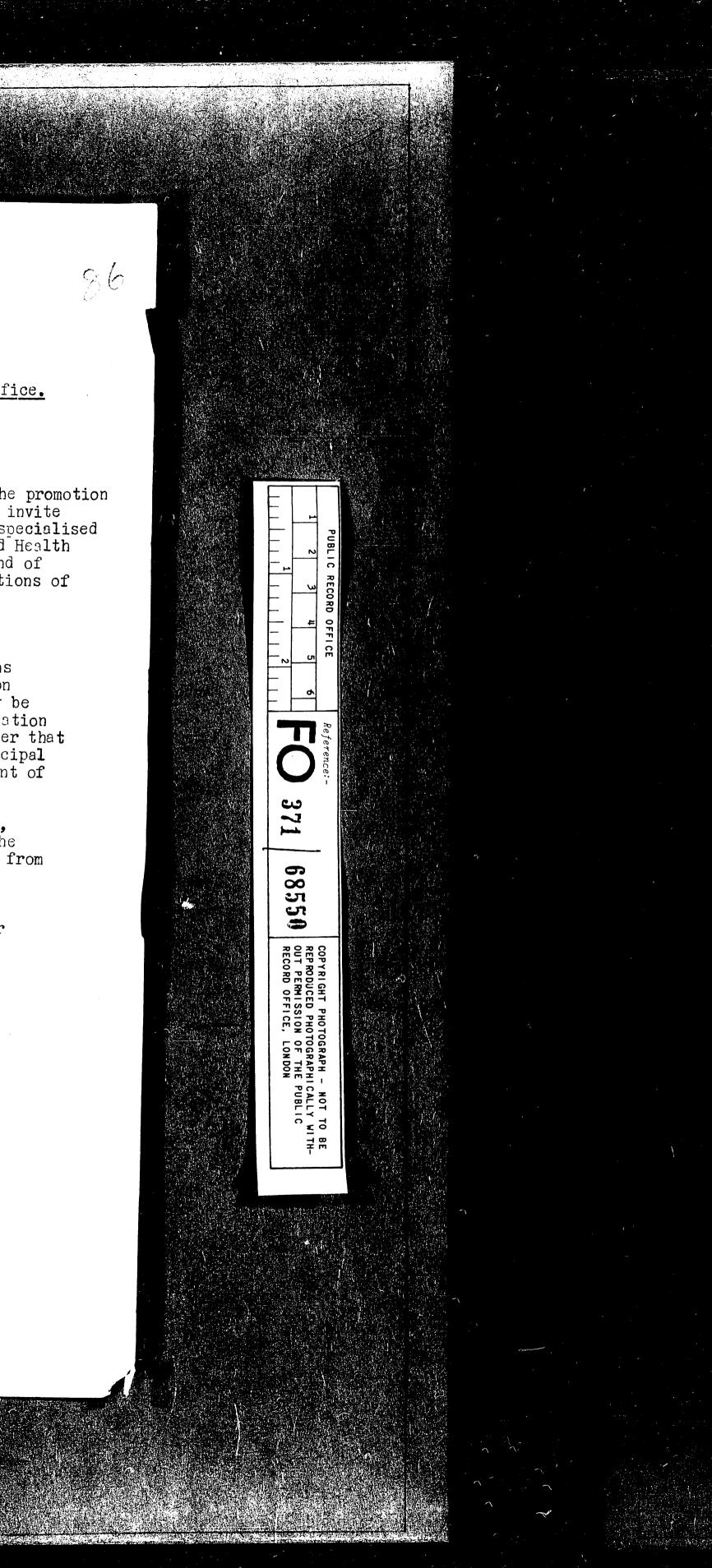
article 12.

The temporary authority of the United Nations as set forth in these articles shall terminate on January 1st, 1950 or on such earlier date as may be determined by the General Assembly or on notification to the Trusteeship Council by the High Commissioner that an agreement has been concluded between the principal communities of Palestine for the future government of Palestine.

The General Assembly calls upon all persons, organisations and governments to co-operate in the implementation of this resolution and to refrain from any action which would be inconsistent with this resolution.

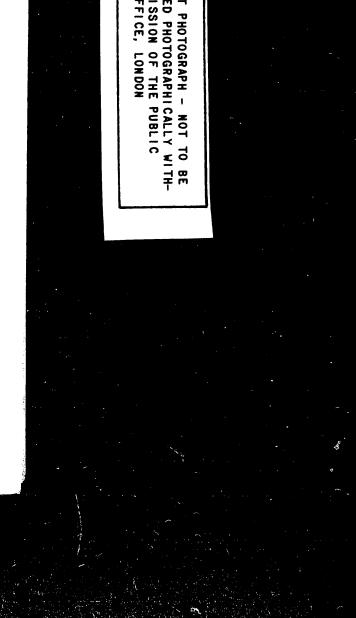
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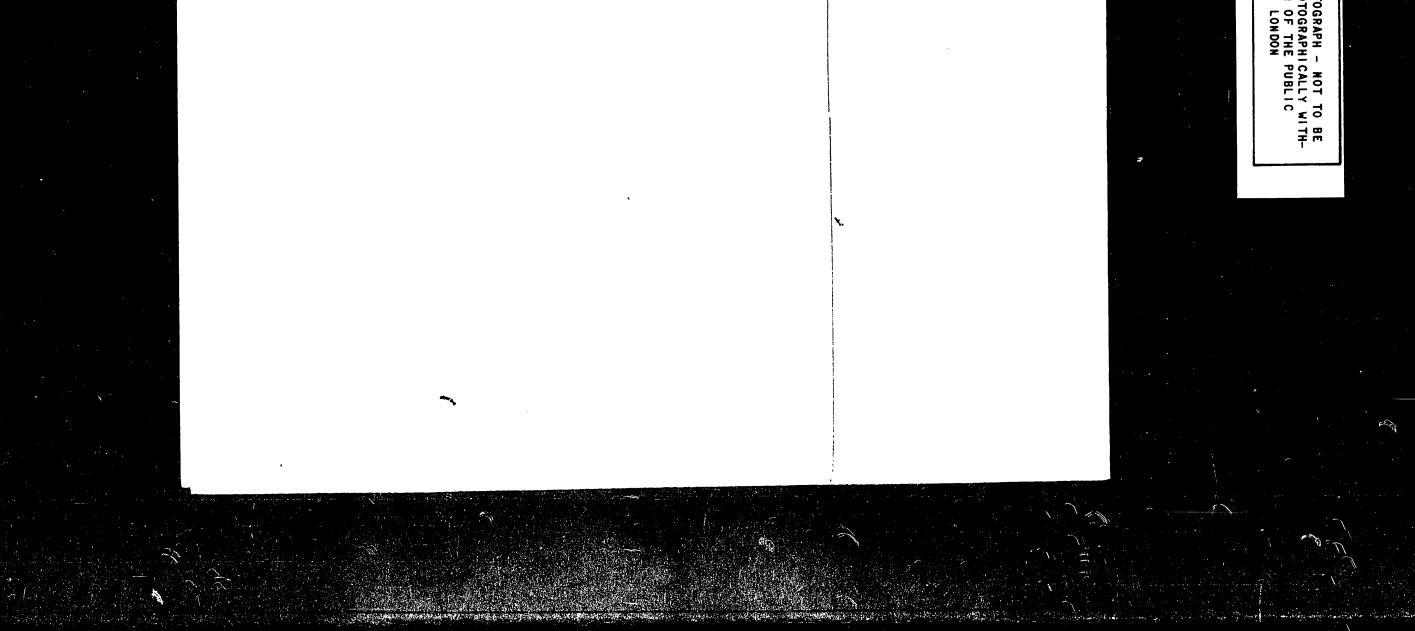


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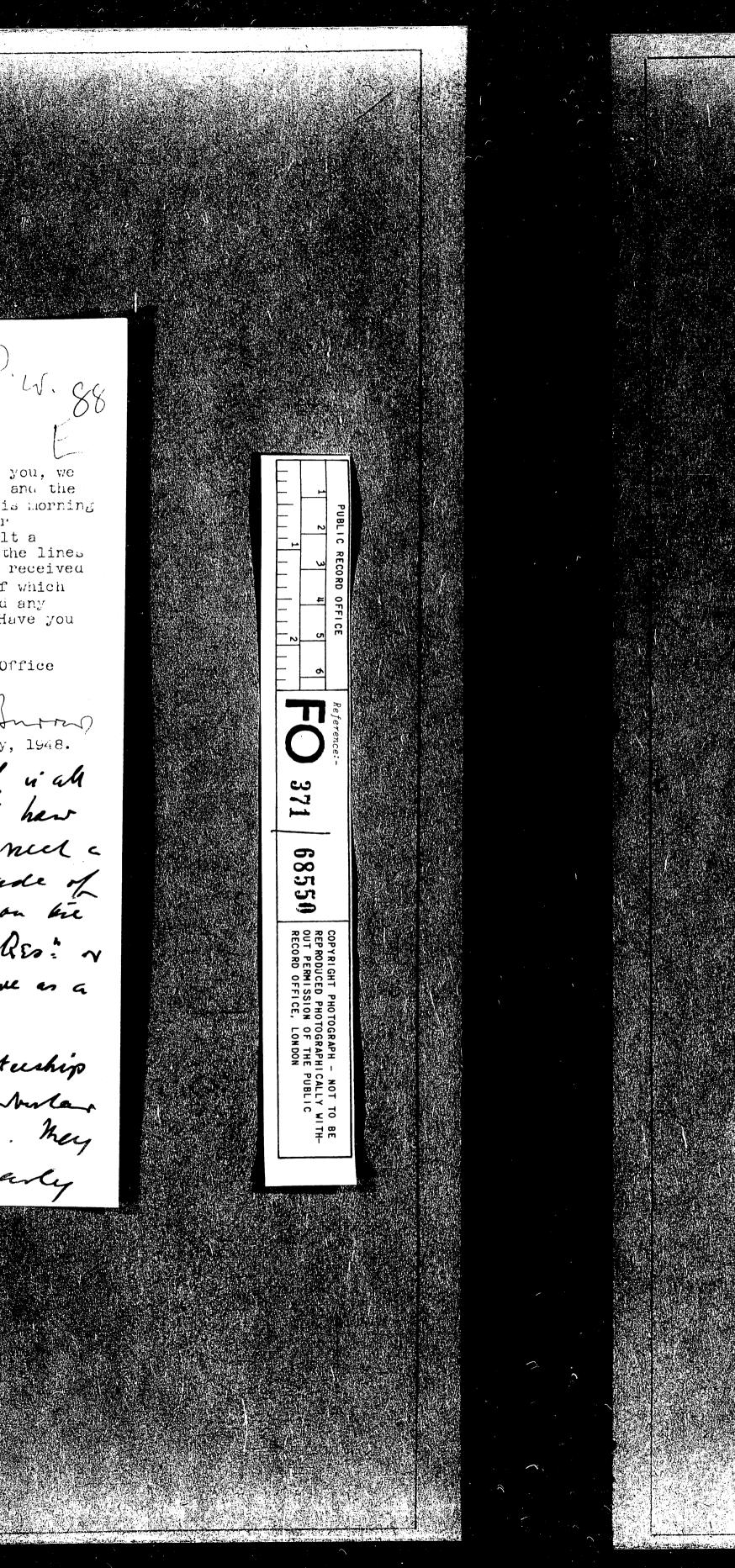
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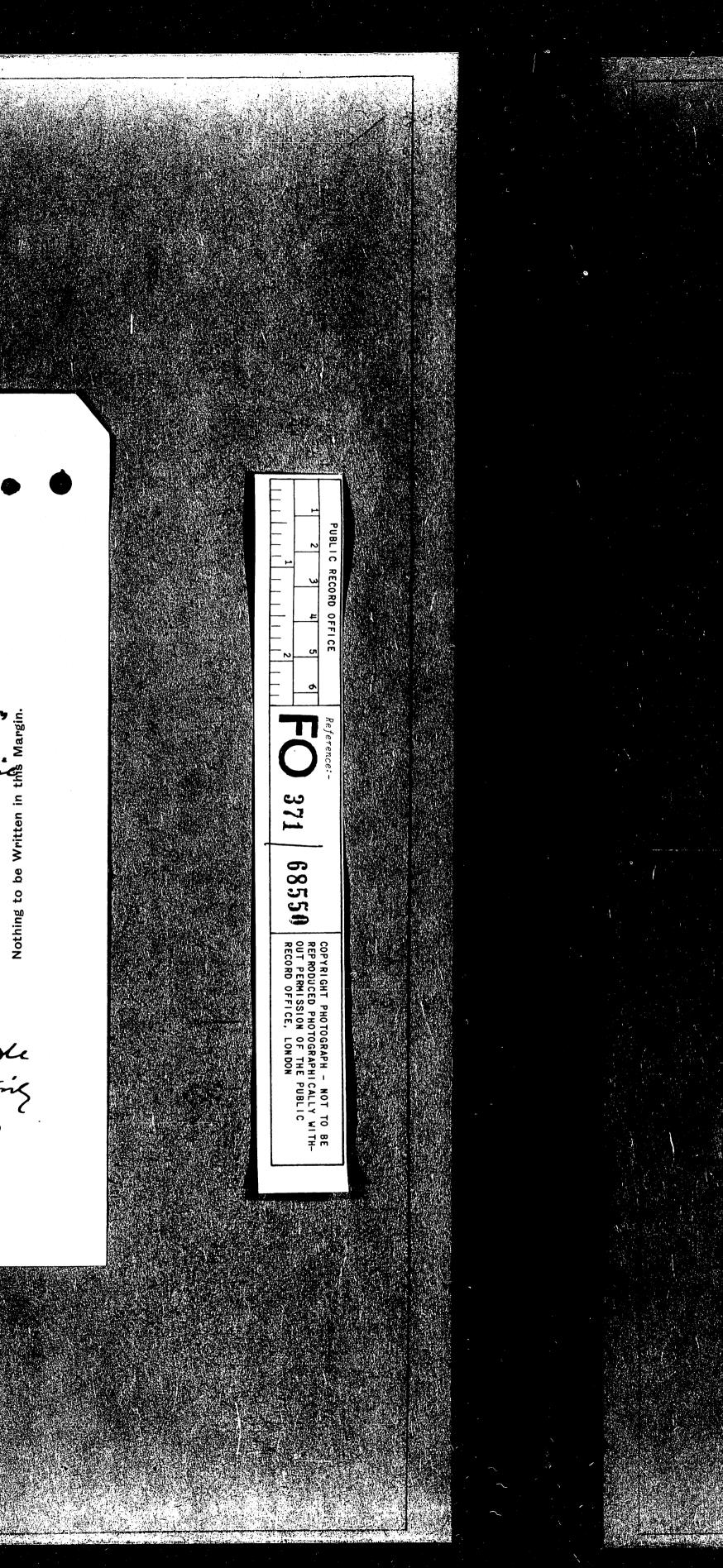
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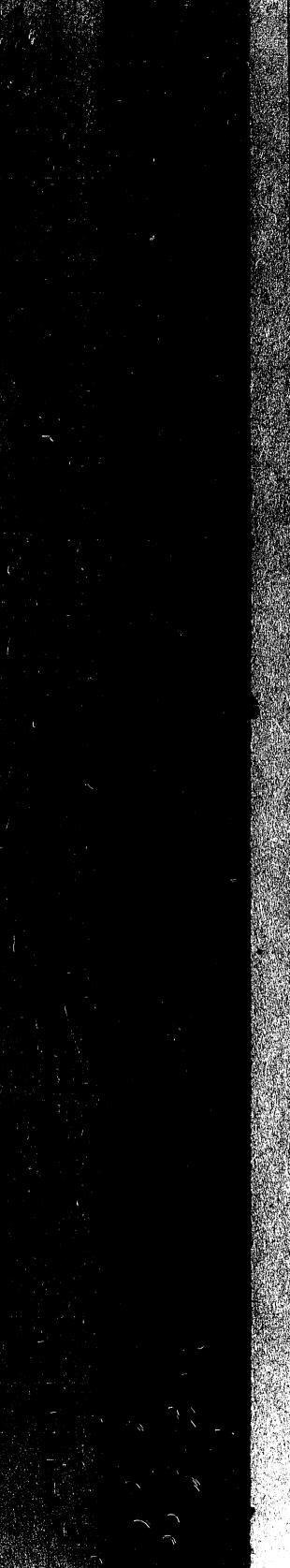
Minutes. Mr. Fitzmaurice. After vainly trying to contact you, we had a meeting with the Colorial Office and the United Nations Political Department this morning about the latest Americar proposals for trusteeship for Palestire. As a result a telegram has been sent to New York on the lines of the attached draft. We have since received New York telegrams Nos.1438 and 1439 of which copies are attached. We ought to send any further conments on these urgently. Have you any views? Margin I am also asking the Colonial Office trusteeship experts for their views. this PAR Sommer Joth Mey, 1948. ⊒. ritten 1 think own tel. to all i all ≥ Whit though 1 cm doubt fut have far ferte legal cases for need a tring as a noval blockade of Relectome can be parided on the leavis pa mere Assertice RES: ~ REC' Harries it may serve as a tolemable pretext. As upends the US mistachip proposals I think the pearmontantes parts are very defective. May prile fail & Tomis out learly



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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 1441 of 10th May repeated for information to Washington Saving.

My immediately preceding telegram.

Following is text:-

The General Assembly notes with grave concern the developments in Palestine since 29th November 1947; considers that it is not expedient at this time to impose a political settlement in Palestine; deems it of the utmost importance that every opportunity and facility for mediation and the peaceful resolution of their differences be provided to the Arab and Jewish communities in Palestine following the termination of the Mandate on 15th May 1948; approves the efforts of the Mandatory Power, the Trusteeship Council and the International Red Cross to effect a truce in Jerusalem. and of the Truce Commission for Palestine established by the Security Council to procure a truce throughout Palestine; resolves therefore to establish a Commission (consisting of representatives of the member states represented on the Truce Commission for Palestine) to exercise the following functions on the termination of the Mandate:

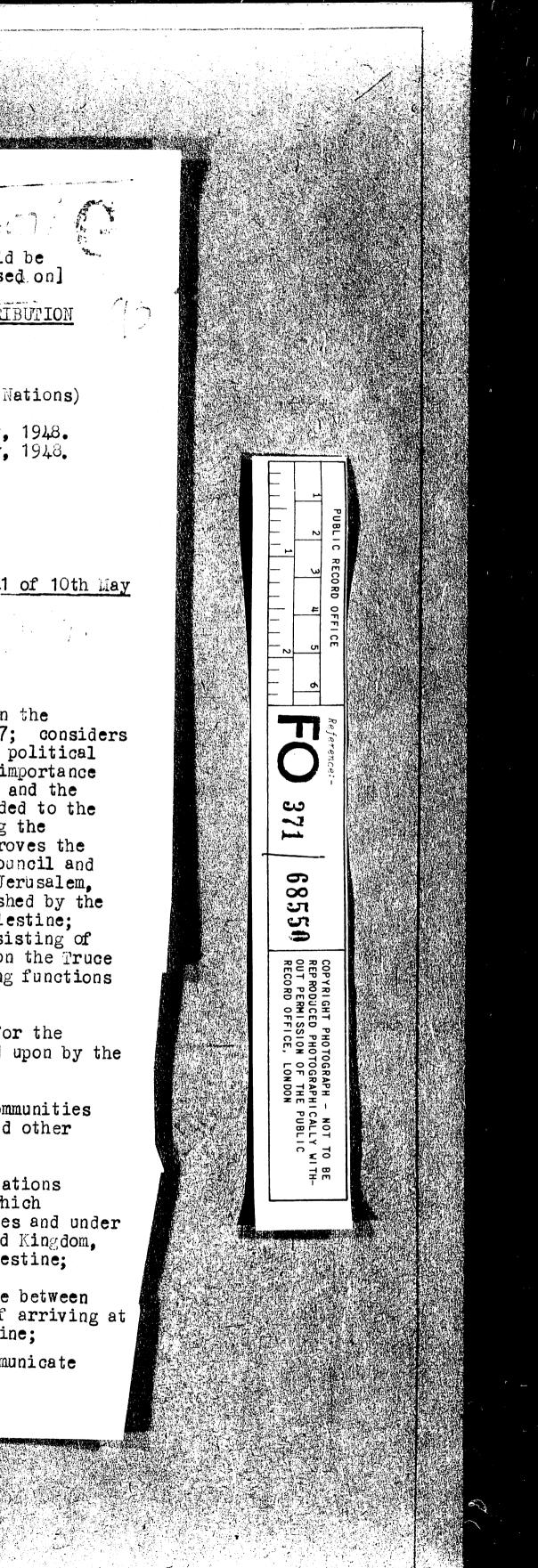
(1) to use its good offices to arrange for the operation of such common services as may be agreed upon by the two communities:

(2) to effect liaison between the two communities in Palestine in respect of the central services and other matters of common concern:

(3) to endeavour to arrange for United Nations custody of Government property, to the extent to which agreement may be reached between the two communities and under arrangements made with the Government of the United Kingdom, pending a decision on the future Government of Palestine;

(4) to use its best endeavours to mediate between the two communities in Palestine with the object of arriving at an agreed solution for future Government of Palestine;

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(5) to communicate to the Secretary General for transmission to the members of the United Nations the terms of any agreement concluded between the two communities in respect to the future Government of Palestine;

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(6) to report to the Secretary General for trans-mission to the members of the United Nations in respect of the situation in Palestine following 15th May and immediately in respect of any significant developments bearing in mind the terms of this resolution and of the truce resolution

The General Assembly further calls upon the two communities in Palestine, the members of the United Nations, and all

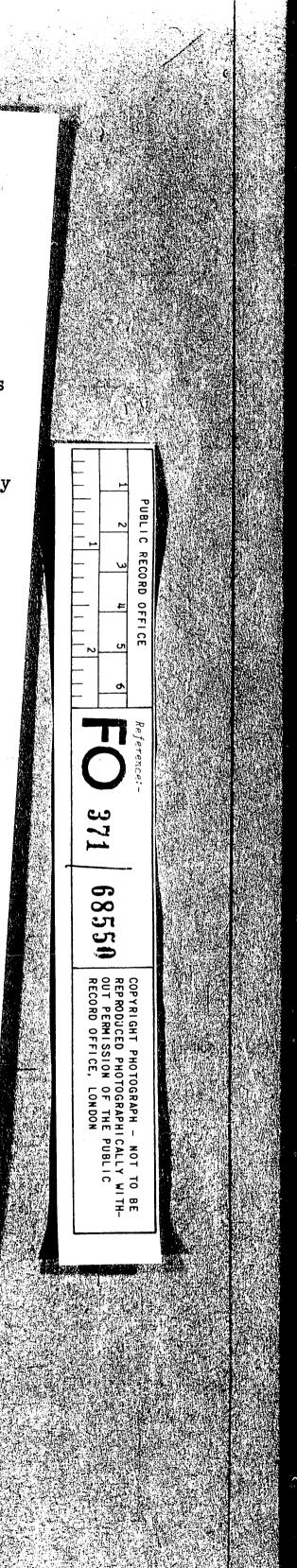
(a) To co-operate with the Commission to enable it to fulfil its functions of conservation, mediation and peaceful settlement to the best effect,

(b) to co-operate with the Druce Commission appointed by the Security Council.

The General Asembly declares that this resolution shall remain in effect until the situation in Palestine has been re-examined by the General Assembly or until an agreement has been reached between the two communities on a future form of Government for Palestine.

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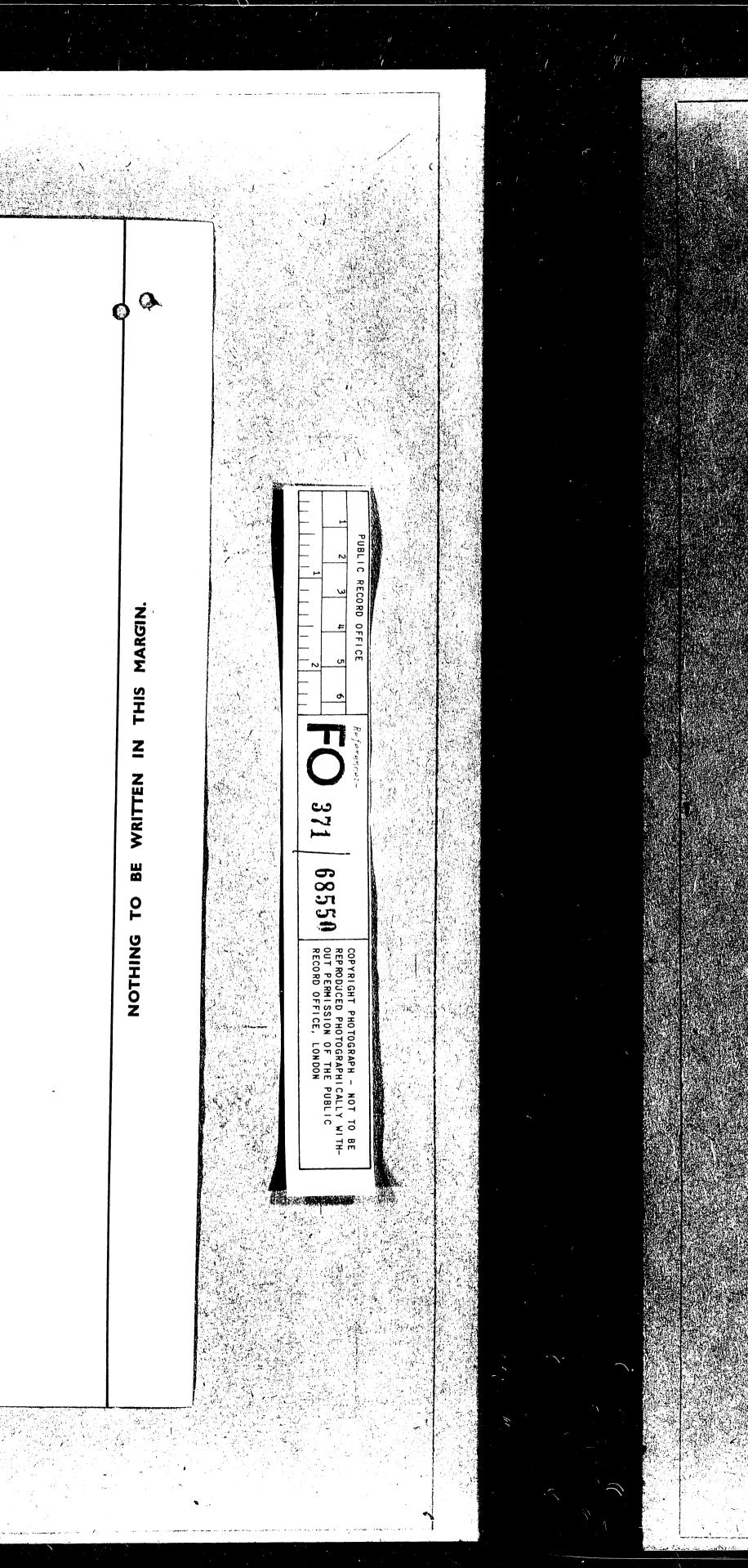
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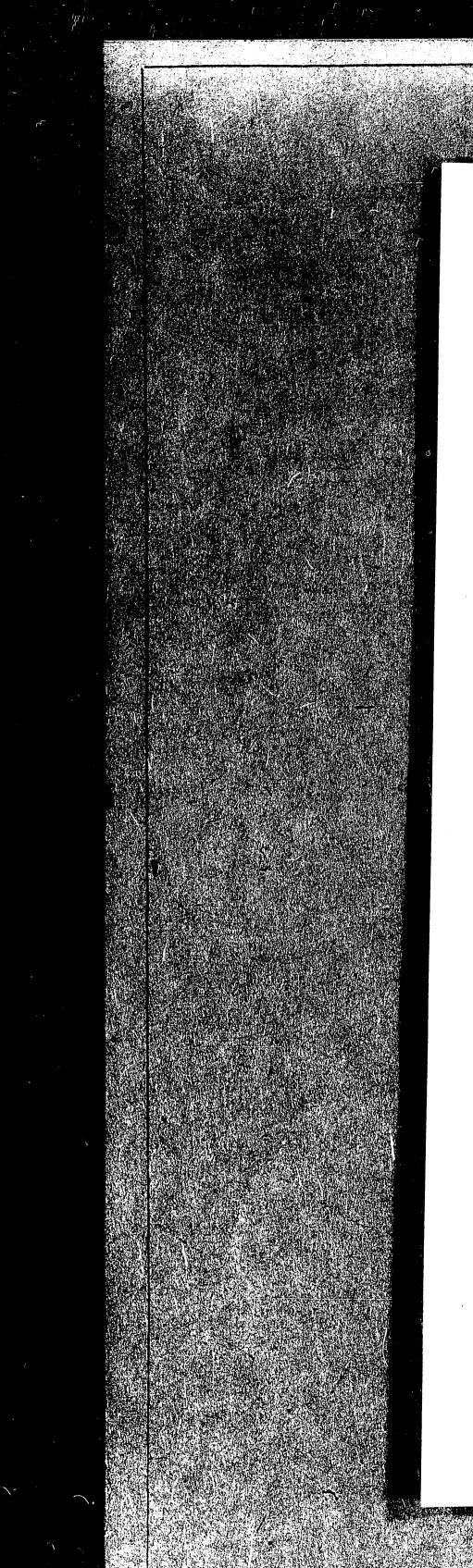
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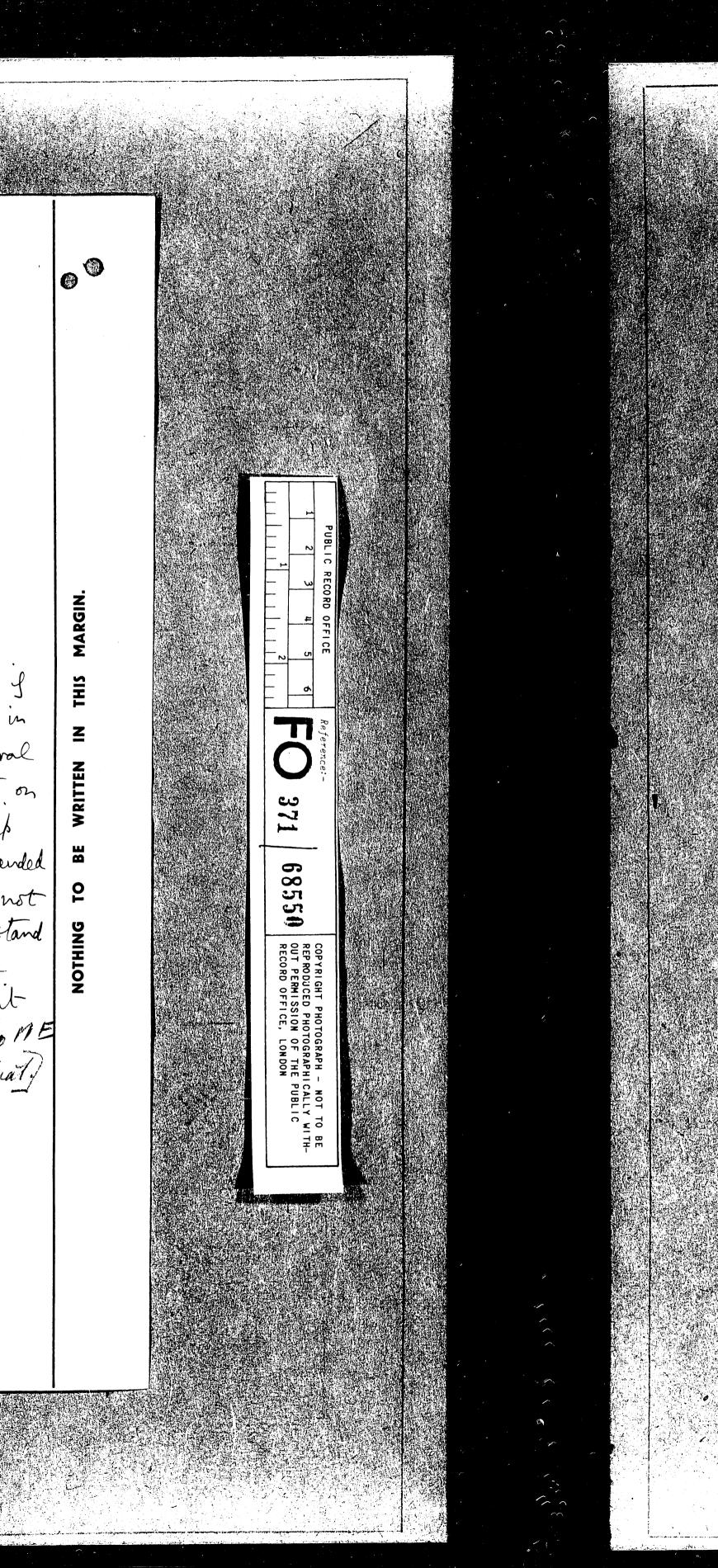
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(To United Kingdom Delegation to United Nations)

<u>No. 1994</u>. May 11th, 1948. D. 3.20.p.m. May 11th, 1948.

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Addressed United Kingdom Delegation New York No. 1994 of 11th May, repeated for information to Washington.

Your telegrams Nos. 1438, 1439, 1440, 1441 and 1455 [of May 10th: Palestine Resolutions].

Discussion recorded in your telegram 1455 lends support to our view that whatever the merits of trusteeship as against an Assembly resolution, it will be impossible to secure passage of the former because of lack of time, lack of support in the Assembly and lack of agreement by Arabs and Jews to trusteeship in any form, whether for the whole of Palestine or for Jerusalem only. The rapidly approaching end of the Mandate and the expressions of opinion at the sub-Committee meeting make it seem more desirable to concentrate on securing approval for action on the lines of the Colonial Secretary's proposal in the simplest possible terms. We understood that the United States Delegation agreed with this view but, for mainly legal and internal reasons, thought it necessary to clothe this central idea in a form of trusteeship. The text of their draft in your telegram No. 1439 confirms our worst fears of this procedure. Our detailed objections to it are set out in my immediately following telegram. The main difficulties are that the draft distorts the trusteeship conception in a dangerous manner, as explained in my immediately following telegram, and secondly that in order to make the distortion appear rather less than it really is the draft accords several kinds of functions to the trusteeship authority which were not included in the Colonial Secretary's proposal and which alter the whole character of that proposal. This confirms our impression that it is impossible to do what is required by means of trusteeship.

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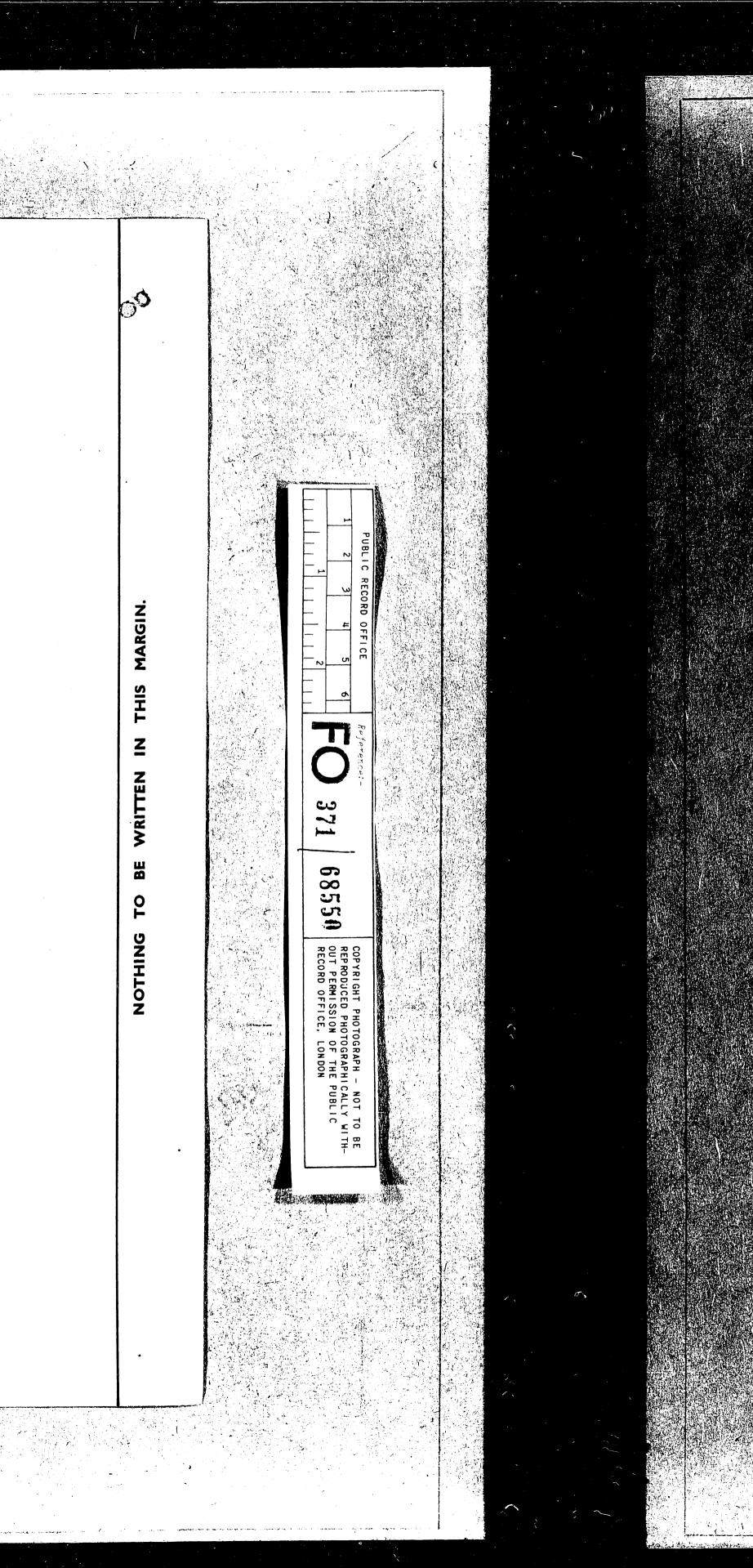
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Following are more detailed comments on United States draft:-

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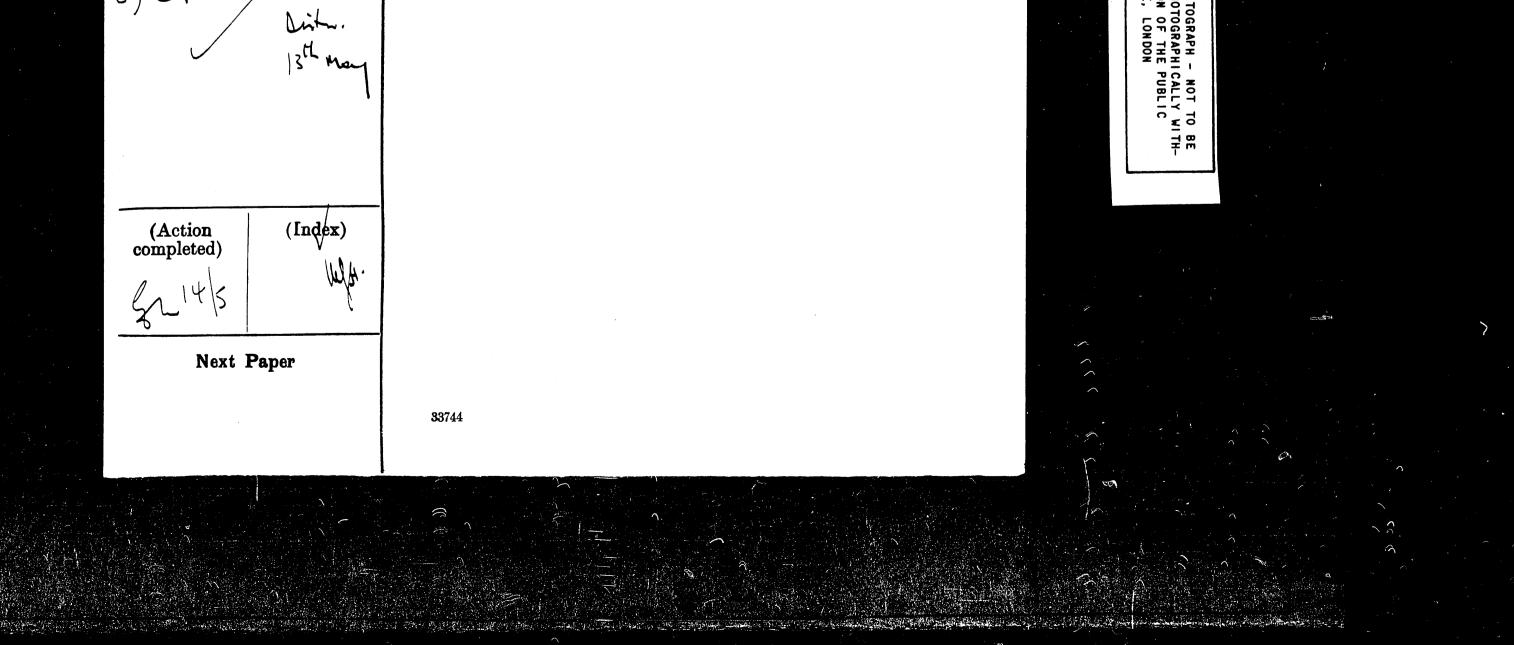
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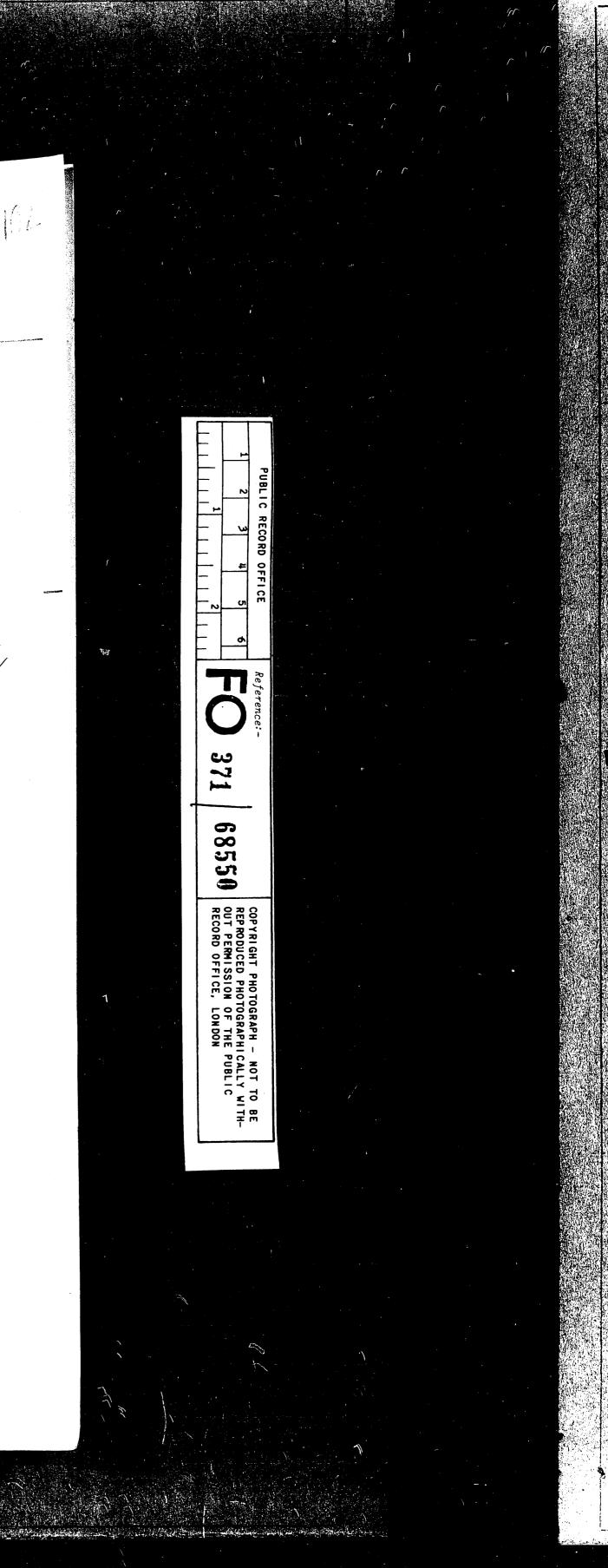
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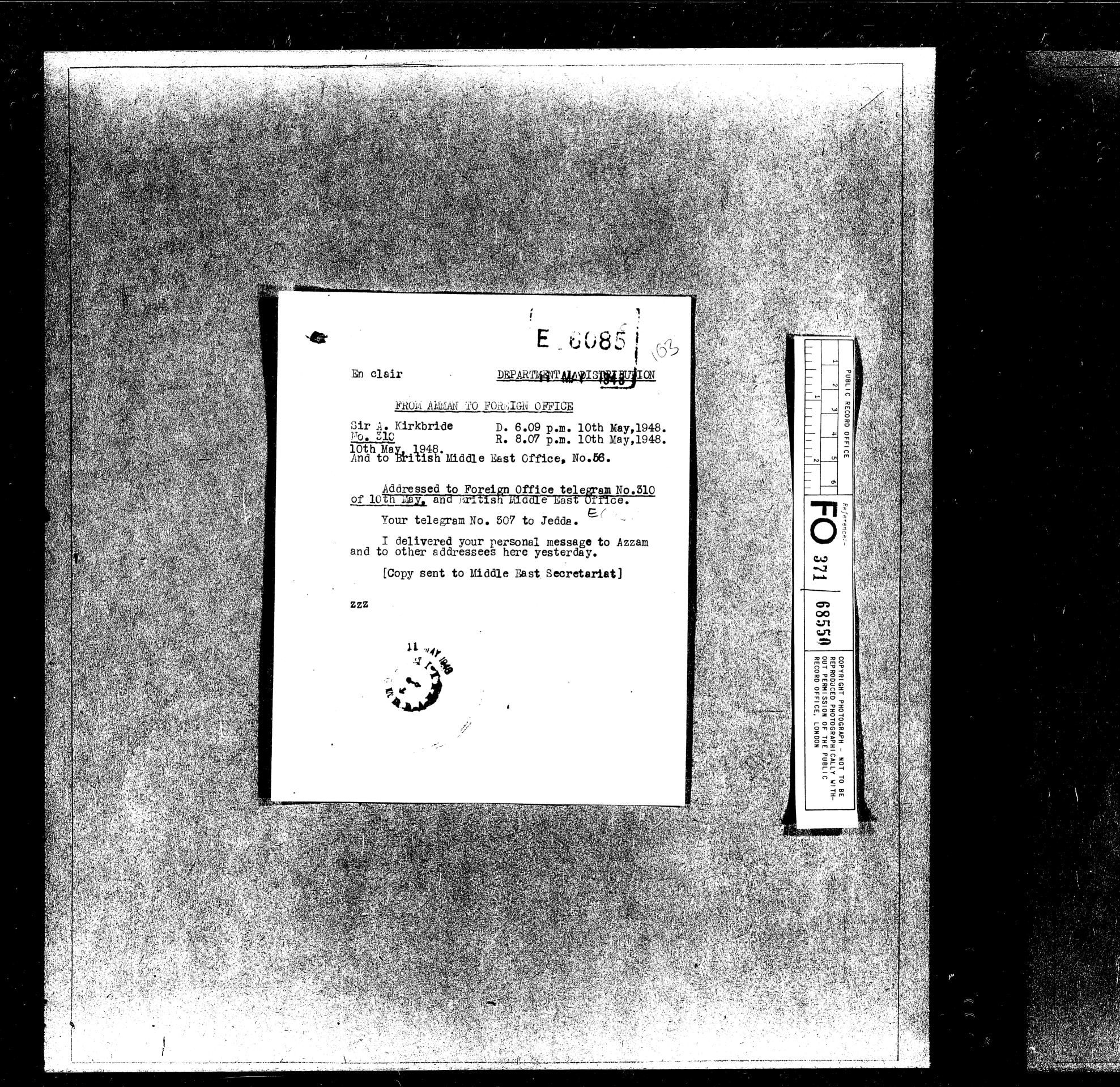
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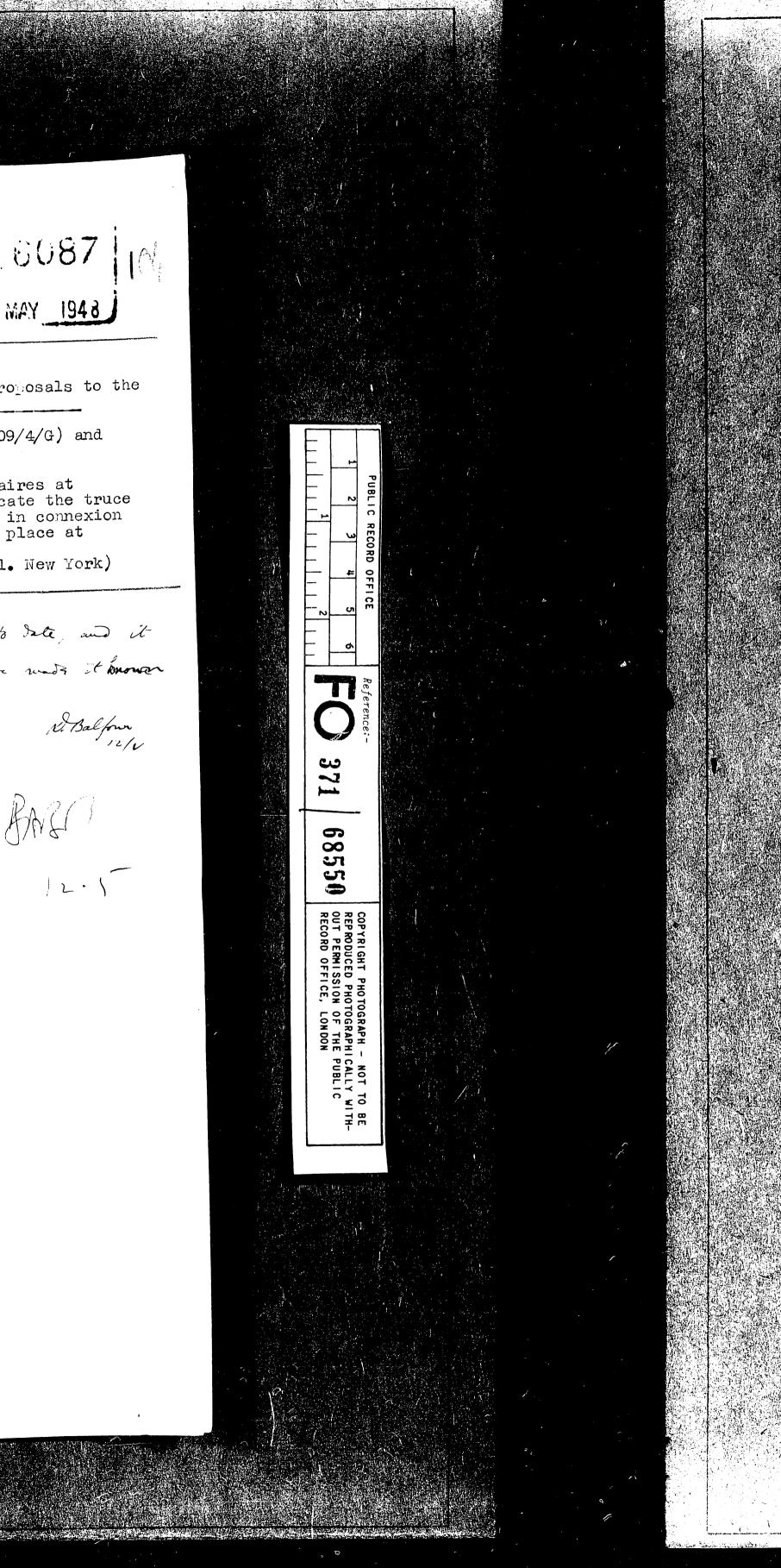


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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No.342 of May 10th, repeated for information to Damascus, Bagdad, Amman, Jedda, Cairo, British Middle East Office, United Kingdom Delegation, New York and Washington.

My telegram No. 341. Palestine.

This morning my United States colleague having received text of truce proposals which has now reached me in United Kingdom Delegation telegram No. 1456 to you at my suggestion telephoned to United States Chargé d'Affaires at Damascus and advised him to communicate these proposals forthwith to the Syrian Government in connexion with discussions which were to take place at Damascus to-day. Damascus to-day.

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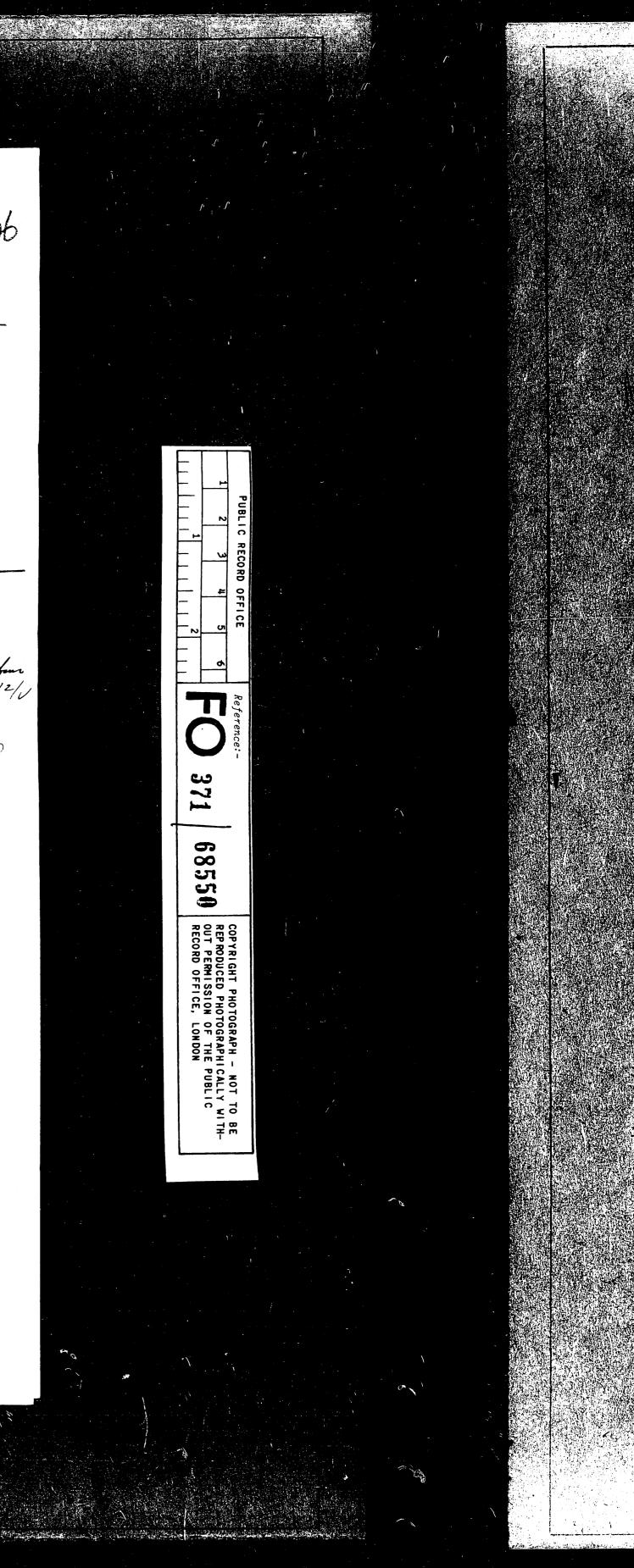
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My telegram No. 506.

Palestine.

The Regent told me last night that [gp. undec.] were in favour of accepting truce and that Iraqi representative of the Arab League meeting had been so instructed. Syrian Prime Minister would not commit himself in discussions in Bagdad and Lebanese Prime Minister had given the impression of being opposed to the truce but the Regent did not think he had finally made up his mind.

2. I told the Regent roughly of modifications in United Kingdom Delegation New York telegram No. 1436 and added that I did not know whether you would regard them as substantial modifications of previous draft. He gave me the impression that [gp. undec.] Government would accept your advice.

3. We spoke of a remark which Syrian Prime Minister had made at our meeting on Sunday to the effect that despite Deir Yasim and other Jewish atrocities in Palestine there had been no reprisals against a single Jew in any Arab country. The Regent said that he was very worried because two suspected Jews in Arab dress had been arrested

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that day at Bagdad west of sirport where some military sireraft had been parked on account of recent rise of the river. If they proved to be Jews and the news spreads around Bagdad he feared reprisals.

Foreign Office please pass to Washington and U.K. Delegation New York as my telegrams 36 and 21.

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